

Time Has Come to Build Roads And Not to Talk, He Believes

**Mr. Kneeco Believes That Senator
Ridgell's Plan Should Prove Beneficial—Some Good Ideas Advanced.**

Editor, Lexington Dispatch-News:

Noting your request for citizens of Lexington County interested in the building and upkeep of our roads to briefly comment upon Senator Ridgell's proposed law, which if passed would somewhat change our present system of building and maintaining the public highways of our county, I personally know that Senator Ridgell has given this subject much time and thought and traveled over the roads a great deal since the heavy rains of this season. Since all of the county suffered from these rains the senator is convinced that our present system of building roads is too slow to meet the present needs now demanded. In this we are compelled to agree with him.

I am not sufficiently familiar with our present law or with our county government, generally, to suggest improvements. I, however, agree with the Senator in some of his suggested changes; namely, where the law will require, each section or division to receive the same amount of time to be applied by construction crew or chain gang. This is not the case at present. Also I endorse the proposed law where the contractor shall be required to personally visit each road and work some as early as possible after each rain. The contractors we have now on some of our roads allow a clay worked road to go to ruin because of their failure to keep the holes filled and an important road will remain impassable for days because of one mud hole somewhere on the road. The old system of an overseer for each section is far better condition.

As to the raising of revenue to keep roads in repair. This is the important part of every improvement. I believe the Senator will have to devise some plan whereby he can double the amount of money to be raised. Usually this is the case in work of this

kind. Multiply by 100, if the job is to be finished as expected. We have a State tax of 25 cents per horsepower on automobiles. I think this should be made to apply to all vehicles, whether drawn by gasoline, horse, cow, or any other power, if it uses the roads. Then I think we should put a 25 per cent tax on gasoline and all oils and greases used to operate these vehicles. By taxing, these products the owner would pay for the maintenance of the roads, according to the use he makes of them. Automobiles are being used in various businesses and the operators must find them a paying proposition. They certainly could not object to paying a regular tax to build roads as they would more than get the 25 per cent in cost of operation.

Then I believe that other vehicles should be taxed same as automobiles as the difference made with one load and on one trip would more than pay the cost. The man that does not own a vehicle of any kind pays the same capitation road tax as his neighbor. Owner of various kinds, yet no one claims that he needs good roads as much as the other.

If our section is to progress as it should, being rural, two things are most important—one the building of roads and the other the increase of farm ownership, therefore the tax increase on real estate must soon reach its limit.

In many cases the burden of tax-

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tion is felt heaviest by small farmers. Often they do not have the power for sufficient improvement of the soil and their farm is of too low value to guarantee advances sufficient for its improvement. Then is it just to these farmers and to the future of our country, to tax these lands continually to build roads for negro transfer drivers to run over, frightening horses and refusing to perform any other labor. I think not. The above or some plan where the user should pay according to the use should be had.

As a whole I do not understand the intention of this suggested bill; but the fact that Senator Ridgell is giving the matter attention should be appreciated. The Senator does not usually fail in anything he undertakes and if the public believes it is time to stop discussing roads long enough to build some and support him in his undertaking. I feel satisfied we will see a

great improvement in the near future. Chas. B. Kneeco. Batesburg, S. C. Sept. 29.

CIRCUS COMMENDED.

Bangor, Maine, News Says Nice Things About John Robinson's Wonderful Tented Attraction.

John Robinson's circus will exhibit in Columbia Wednesday, Oct. 8th and hundreds of residents from this city and vicinity will attend. They will go early, to be in time for the street parade and will attend both performances.

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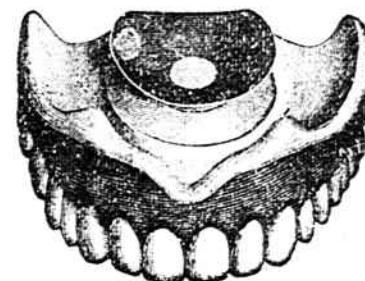
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