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ABOLISH THE COUNTY CHAIN GANG.

Representative Means, of Fairfield County, and Senator Hugh McCutchen, of Williamsburg County, have introduced bills in the House and Senate to abolish the County chain gangs, take all convicts to the penitentiary, and put them upon the public roads of the State under the direction of the State Highway Commission.

For the maintenance of the convicts the bills provide for a one mill levy. This will go on as State taxes. Each County will be given credit for all convicts, and in this way every County will get as much work as the number of prisoners sent by it.

It is proposed to divide the prisoners among a number of camps located throughout the State, and road building experts will be in charge of each camp. In this way every County will obtain the services of men who understand how to build good roads.

We hope this bill will pass. It is along the right lines. Over-head expenses in each County will be cut to the limit; expensive road machinery will not have to be purchased by each County; guards will have charge of large squads, and more and better work obtained at considerable less expense.

Since the County chain gang was established several years ago, the question of County finances has been a problem. Almost all Counties are in debt, and we have never believed the chain gang was anything but a burden to the taxpayers. After paying for equipment, guards, foremen, mules and maintenance of the prisoners, and other expenses, the value of the work obtained was far less than the cost.

It would be interesting to know just what the gang has cost the taxpayers of Clarendon County in the past ten years. Of course, the larger the gang, the cost would be proportionately lower.

The people are demanding better roads. We believe that the proposed legislation will give better roads at less cost. Certainly, the roads could be made no worse under the proposed scheme, and the cost would be considerably less. We are in favor of a change. We hope the bill of Messrs. Means and McCutchen will pass. If it be found that it does not bring the desired result, some other plan can be devised after giving this a fair trial.

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Notice to Contractors

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Mrs. Sallie McKnight Clark, deceased, will present them duly attested. And those owing said Estate will make payment to the undersigned qualified Executors of the said Estate.

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