

His Excellency Governor Carr,

Raleigh, N. C.

Sir,

I have the honor to invite your attention to the desirability of the Legislature of your State passing a resolution directing its Senators to favor measures having for their object the promotion of highway improvement throughout the United States.

I would particularly call your attention to the enclosed copy of a petition for a Road Department, which has been signed by the Governors of the following States: Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, Montana, Kansas, Nevada, New Hampshire, Virginia, South Dakota, Washington and Vermont. It has been endorsed by chambers of commerce and boards of trade, by trade unions and labor organizations, by banks and large corporations and by all sorts and conditions of men.

It would add greatly to the force of the petition if State Legislatures throughout the country would pass resolutions approving it. Even if such resolutions were not passed immediately, it would serve the purpose because important legislation like that demanded by the petition would require time for discussion before a final vote is taken, and State Legislative resolutions received when the bill is before Congress will have a very favorable effect upon its passage.

In the interest of good roads will you not urge the matter on the attention of the Legislature?

Boston, Mass., (P. O. Box B.)

February 1, 1893.

Very truly yours,

Albert A. Tope

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled :

We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, hereby most respectfully petition that there be founded in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, a Road Department, similar to the Agricultural Department, for the purpose of promoting knowledge in the art of constructing and maintaining roads; and we ask that in such department provision be made for teaching students so that they may become skilled road engineers.

In connection with this Road Department we request that there be established a permanent Exhibit in which shall be shown sections of roads illustrating various methods of construction and also the best road materials and machinery.

We further petition that Congress appropriate funds sufficient to erect a building at the World's Columbian Exposition for the purpose of a comprehensive road exhibit.

NOTE.— When this sheet is filled with names please attach other sheets and secure as many signatures as possible. When this is done, please forward it before January 15, 1893, to the address given below. Copies of this petition have been sent to various parts of the country and it is hoped that at least a million signatures will be secured. All petitions sent in before January 15 will be united in one great petition which will be presented to Congress and the result will be, no doubt, the establishment of a Road Department, an Institute of Road Engineering and a permanent Road Exhibit in the city of Washington, and a comprehensive exhibit of the construction and maintenance of roads at the World's Columbian Exposition.

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