O. W. Schaeffer, Vice Pres.,
Crawford Co., Jefferson Highway Association,
Girard, Kans.

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

As you are aware, the last Directors' meeting of the Jefferson Highway Association held at Kansas City on February third, decided to make a mileage assessment against the various counties on the Jefferson Highway as a means to raise funds for the current year to cover the general expenses of the Association.

These expenses included the salary and traveling expenses of Mr. Clarkson, The General Manager, the deficit in the expense of publishing the Jefferson Highway Declaration, the cost of letter heads and other printed matter and stationery, stenographer hire, postage, etc.

These expenses have been going on since the meeting in Kansas City and the bills have been accumulating. It is necessary, therefore, to have the mileage assessment collected and remitted to Mr. Walter Parker, Treasurer at New Orleans.

The actual constructive work and the voting of bond issues has progressed along the Jefferson Highway with greater rapidity than on any like project in the history of the United States. Nearly every county and state between Winnipeg and New Orleans has shown remarkable activity. Every community is alive and has responded to everything requested of it.
I feel that the only reason that we have not collected the mileage assessment is because we had not definitely gone after it.

Will you, therefore, please consider this a definite request, call your county associations together, make your apportionment against each town in your county, bring the farmers into the town and get your county assessments paid and remit it to Mr. Parker at the earliest possible date? The assessments, as you doubtless know, are $9.00 per mile. It is unnecessary for me to try to emphasize the value of this investment in the Jefferson Highway even though this assessment goes into the general expense fund. It is only an indirect way of investing this money in gravel and concrete on the surface of the road distributed between Winnipeg and New Orleans. The general organization work is absolutely necessary. I am sure you can put this up to your associates and citizens better than I can.

With very kind regards,

sincerely yours,

JEFFERSON HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION.

E. T. MEREDITH, PRESIDENT.

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P. S. If a few extra copies of the Jefferson Highway Declaration will aid you in this matter, kindly send for them.