

"BOURBON COUNTY IS FIRST. Its Share of the Jefferson Highway Already is Provided For. Petitions for the Rock Roads on Each Side of Fort Scott are Filed and Construction Work Will Begin Without Delay," Kansas City Star, January 11, 1916.

Bourbon County, Kansas, claims the honor of being the first county to provide for its share of the Jefferson Highway in all rock construction. The petitions for the two gaps, on each side of Fort Scott, are ready and will be filed with the county commissioners this week. That means the beginning of the work of construction without further delay under the Hodge Law which is being so successfully used in this county.

Bourbon County furnishes a fine example of the value of rock roads as an advertisement of the progressiveness and prosperity of a community. Ten years ago Fort Scott citizens built the first short stretch of rock road to the cemetery because there were times when a hearse could not be used. The cost was so much easier than had been anticipated and the experiment so popular the citizens began building roads for the living as well, and from that start have nearly fifty miles of rock roads.

When the Jefferson Highway was proposed Bourbon County instantly became the most talked of county between Kansas City and New Orleans. The fact that its rock roads were standing up under the test of travel and were being built for a dollar an acre, or ten cents an acre a year, has been repeated thousands of times the last few months in several states. Now the county is the first to provide for its share of the Jefferson Highway, and that fact will be given much publicity.