

Contributors to this advertising are complaining, members are complaining, and Mr. Colp says the solicitor was to pay half the cost of the printing and the solicitor says he ~~was not to pay anything~~ wasn't. The solicitor was found overpaid his 75% commissions, and Mr. Colp said the solicitor owed him and Dr. Johnston some money, and it is stated the printing was given to that incompetent ~~office~~ shop because the proprietor owed Dr. Johnston money. This solicitor was sent out again and given 75% after I had recalled him. He also was allowed to indorse and convert checks to his own use *for hundreds of dollars*.

About the time of my return another man was sent into admittedly poor territory and given 33 1/3% and made for himself \$100 00 per week.

A so-called publicity man was sent out and as usual no contract is shown, and none of the protecting influences thrown around him. Important privileges were turned over to him, without record or restriction so far as known. He passed bad checks and left unpaid personal bills, and on my return I recalled him, then he was secretly sent westward. He passed a bad check for \$200 00 in San Diego and disappeared. Information is now coming of other misuse of money and of credits.

There are documents and data of other crude work, but so much detail is not necessary here.

Since January 1 (the period of my absence) the San Antonio office has had over \$8500 00, yet no attempt was made to pay the accounts of the Association for the service and materials used by the office. No money was set aside to issue these section maps and travel information, for which something over \$3500 00 has been collected.

I myself was in virgin territory in the East and should have had financial help from Headquarters, and from Texas where three years of work lay behind the office. Instead, I had to produce in the East all money for those expenses, and for the Washington expenses, and sent money to San Antonio to help this office, and paid \$250 00 to the Gunter Hotel to prevent dispossession, and this \$250 00 is still due me. I gave Mr. Colp my personal check in April for \$150 00 because he claimed to be in distress, and he has not attempted to repay that.

The organization cannot continue to exist by such practices. We must show the people, and at once, we are worthy of the trust placed in us, and the first step is to stop this abuse of their confidence, and to restore the protective and constitutional provisions to the Headquarters work --and this in spite of the President if he persists in refusing to accept the verdict of his own fellow citizens and workers.

Then ways must be found to continue the constructive policies that placed this Highway on the maps of all the OST states as a part of the Federal system of highways, and as an important transcontinental highway; and that brought about the declaration of the senators and congressmen that this was a basic highway of the United States system and should be promptly completed in the public interest; and that secured the War Department ~~statement~~ statement that it was of first importance to the national defense and asked for its construction according to the best federal standards as a military necessity.