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Mrs. J. T. Smith,
Chairman Comm. on Advertising,
114 Gunter Hotel,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 25th ult. stating that the women of the Old Spanish Trail are organized to promote roadside beautification, and you ask if there are any laws in Maryland governing billboards or indiscriminate advertising, and also if I know of movements among organizations or citizens to abolish or curtail the advertising abuse.

Permit me to say that two or more bills were introduced in the Legislature of Maryland which adjourned on Monday of this week. Just what has happened to them I am not able to say, because we cannot tell at this time what laws were passed on the last night, but whether a general law was passed, it is of the general laws of which I speak, I know of one local law for the County adjoining Washington that was passed prohibiting the advertising on billboards along the State highways of that County, and I may add that there is a very strong sentiment in this State in favor of abolishing the billboard advertising because it interferes with the scenery and is regarded as unsightly. I may be able to give you further information as to what was done at the present session of the Legislature in a few days, but up to this Legislature there has been no legislation in this State on the subject.

Very truly yours,

Thos. H. Robinson
Attorney-General.

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