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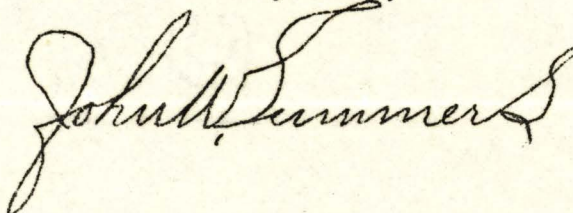
December 31, 1931.

Dear Sirs:

If you approve the Summers Farm to
Market - Post Road Bill H. R. 137, I wish you
would get the facts of the enclosed statement
into the hands of every rural carrier and
County Board in your State and push an education
campaign immediately.

Nothing but aggressive action will
get results.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. Summers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "John W. Summers".

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FARM TO MARKET - POST ROADS

By Congressman John W. Summers, State of Washington.

I am calling your attention to the SUMMERS FARM TO MARKET - POST ROAD BILL H. R. 137.

This bill proposes to improve every mile of post roads in the United States, that is not now improved, by 50-50 cooperation of the Federal Government and the Counties, States, or Districts that build this class of roads in your State.

It is believed the Summers Farm to Market-Post Road Bill H. R. 137 contains more good points than any legislation yet proposed for this purpose. It specifies "due consideration shall be given roads which shall best serve the agricultural needs of the country in obtaining access to the Federal-aid system, the rail and water shipping points, and the markets".

It will distribute the small burden over nearly 3,000 counties.

It will inaugurate a Nation-wide practical road building program. It will utilize home products and home labor.

It will relieve the jobless. It will give men in every county of the United States who want to work an opportunity to work.

It will curtail the soup line. It will reduce crime.

It will require the outlay of not one needless dollar. If approved it can be put in operation immediately.

It will facilitate delivery of mail to millions of the less accessible farmers.

It will give a complete system of farm to market roads, again serving millions of farmers and merchants.

The Summers Farm to Market - Post Road Bill H. R. 137 is conceived on wholly practical lines.

It does not contemplate expensive boulevards or speedways. Its purpose is to equalize the burden and put a practical gravel, crushed rock or other suitable surface on these more remote roads.

I want you to study this bill thoroughly. If you believe in it, then it should be fully and frequently discussed by rural carriers, county boards, farmer groups, parent teacher associations, Chambers of Commerce, Civic Clubs and the press.

Without delay you should write to Washington, D. C. to your Congressman and the U. S. Senators from your State and to Congressman John W. Summers (author of the bill) and tell us exactly why this legislation is needed and why it is needed now, and how many miles of roads would be improved in your county.

NO IMPORTANT BILL PASSES CONGRESS WITHOUT GREAT EFFORT. If you approve this bill go to work today and stay on the job till we secure action.