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**PRESS COMMENT ON HIGHWAY
LUMBERTON TO WILMINGTON**

The Best Route?
The article from Lumberton in to-
day's Dispatch provides food for
thought, and especially for Wilming-
ton people, who are deeply interest-
ed in the proposed highway which will
link the state's only port city with the
western and central parts of North
Carolina.

If the speakers at the Lumberton
meeting were well informed, and con-
fined themselves strictly to facts in
regard to their arguments, it would
appear that on the face of the prob-
lem the argument is all in favor of
the Seaboard route being followed, if
for no other reason than that it is
the shortest route. Due allowance, of
course, must be made for the natural
anxiety of rival claimants to have a
state highway pass through their re-
spective territories and no doubt the
residents of the other and tentative
route will quickly come forward with
excellent reasons why the highway
commissioners should stick to the
route as at present projected.

It seems to the Dispatch that with
the state paying for the road it is
only right and proper that the route
which will be of the most benefit to
the people of North Carolina should
be followed. If, as the Lumberton dis-
patch claims, the distance from Lum-
berton to Wilmington is fifteen to
twenty miles shorter, that seems a
valid reason for looking further into
the question of the road, unless the
highway commissioners have infor-
mation which contradicts or offsets
the Lumberton claims.

It is a question in which Wilming-
ton is interested for selfish reasons
as well as those inspired by a desire
to be public spirited citizens with
the interests of the whole state at heart.
Charlotte is a rival of Wilmington for
business in the territory lying, rough-
ly, half way between the two cities.
As the crow flies Lumberton is near-
er to Wilmington than to Charlotte,
but the country west of Lumberton
gradually gets into the Charlotte ter-
ritory. If the A. C. L. route adds
20 miles to a drive from Lumberton
to Wilmington over the Seaboard
route it is obvious that the A. C. L.
route would mean the contracting of
Wilmington's trading territory in the
country west of Lumberton by just
that distance.

The chamber of commerce of Wil-
mington realized the importance to
the state and to this city of the best
selection of a route for the highway
last summer when the chamber de-
clined to approve the tentative route
on the ground that the highway
should be built to serve the greatest
number of North Carolinians, and the
chamber was not prepared to take
the responsibility of endorsing any
route.

The Dispatch at the time was of the
opinion that the chamber showed
mighty good judgment in its decision,
and the events of the last two or three
days confirm the belief, as it seems
evident that all sides of the question
have not yet been studied sufficiently
to warrant the assertion that the A.
C. L. route is actually the best. An
investigation may prove that the ten-
tative route is in the best interests
of the state and if that be so, then
The Dispatch is for that route, but
it seems reasonable that a survey
should be conducted before an opinion
is formed one way or another.—Wil-
mington Dispatch.

Commercial or Pleasure?
The Lumberton Robesonian is sud-
denly seeing where a great injustice
will be done to the people if they are
not given a hearing on the question of
whether the Wilmington-Charlotte
highway shall pass along a new route
through Bladen county or the old and
generally accepted one through Colum-
bus.

We were given to understand that
the matter was decided some two or
three years ago; that things pointed
then and still point to the route
through Columbus as being the most
feasible. The Columbus county road
authorities and the Columbus county
people have went forward on that
knowledge and more than half the
road has been built up under Federal
specifications, sand-clayed and bridg-
ed. Contractors are rushing work on
other portions and indirectly we have
been given to understand that seven
miles of the road between Cadbourne
and Whiteville will come in for a hard
surfacing contract during the next
twelve months.

It is therefore something of a
shock to this paper to have our good
neighboring authority on road build-
ing come forward with a fiat state-
ment that it'll cost half a million
dollars more to build the road the
long way round through Columbus.
And in addition, according to The
Robesonian, it'll make folks go 20
miles out of the way to reach Wil-
mington, if Commissioner McGirt re-
fuses a hearing and refuses his aid
in building the highway through
Bladen.

The News Reporter knows nothing
about the differences in the cost, which
The Robesonian appears to have at
its finger tips, but we will grant
that a short distance would be saved
if the road runs down the Sea-
board, as The Robesonian desires. On
the other hand there's something in
Governor Morrison's road building
program that calls for these roads to
run from county-seat to county-seat.
It is the plan to ultimately connect
up every county seat in North Caro-
lina, with neighboring county seats
by means of a hard surfaced road.
If the road runs down the Seaboard,
as The Robesonian desires, our big
neighbor, Robeson county, will ulti-
mately be connected not only with
neighboring county seats but will
have what might be classed as a private
road of its own extending across
a wilderness in one of its neighbor-
ing counties and connecting it with
a county seat 75 miles away.
The Morrison program calls for

county seat to county seat highways
and roads that will serve the needs
of the greatest number of people.
The Robesonian calls for fairness and
a hearing from commissioner McGirt.
We feel sure that both will be grant-
ed, even if the latter is called for at
this the eleventh hour. We feel sure
that Mr. McGirt has no idea of
lending his power to building a speed-
way for tourists in defiance to all
the commercial advantages of the
road, and to the state's road building
plans.—Whiteville News Reporter.

General Assembly

**Thursday's Proceedings—Bills to
Abolish Capital Punishment Killed.**
Raleigh, Dec. 8.—The educational
bill to take care of the \$710,000 school
fund deficit and the municipal fi-
nance act slid through the second
reading on a greased track in the
House today.

The House members may have been
too busy thinking about the 89 new
bills they had just introduced, but
committee fights over these two
measures, regarded as had omens,
failed absolutely to reach the main
body, and only ten votes were cast
against the educational bill and four
against the finance act. Eighty-nine
supported the finance act and 83
the school bill.

The ever-opposing Tam Bowie cast
his vote in opposition to the school
bill and nine other members joined
him. Rep. Cowles, of Wilkes,
charging that the finance act
was drawn by a New York bond at-
torney and that it permitted every
municipality save Winston-Salem to
double its tax rate, made a vigorous
effort to consolidate the vote against
that bill but the best he could do was
to swing three other members to his
side.

The bills to abolish capital punish-
ment were duly executed by the
House and Senate judiciary commit-
tees this afternoon. After some dis-
cussion of the five bills relating to
the abolishment of the death sentence
they were relegated to the committee
scrap pile and unfavorable report on
them reported.

While the House was spending the
morning receiving its 89 new bills, the
Senate was adding 22 to its long list,
bringing the total number of bills be-
fore both houses, local and State-
wide, to around four hundred. And
legal looking papers can be seen yet
sticking from the pockets of law-
makers.

The appointment of a sub-commit-
tee by the propositions and grievance
committee of the House this after-
noon to draw up a suitable State
vehicle law for introduction in that
body gave evidence of the passage
at this session of a State law govern-
ing traffic. Traffic bills were turned
over to the sub-committee, and from
these it is supposed to prepare a
bill. W. M. Jones, secretary of the
Carolinians Automotive Trades as-
sociation, was before the committee
this afternoon in support of a meas-
ure. This body fought during the last
regular session for the enactment of
traffic legislation.

The same committee this afternoon
handed to a sub-committee a bill in-
troduced by Representative Glover,
of Nash, and Mathews of Mecklenburg,
empowering the Governor to "remove
his own appointees for cause." This
bill was executed at the regular ses-
sion but Representative Glover re-
vised and brought it back with him.
The committee thought it was giving
the Governor too much power to al-
low him to discharge, for instance,
a Supreme Court justice or a United

States Senator whom he had appoint-
ed. The sub-committee will make some
amendments to exempt this class of
appointees and probably members of
board of State institutions, and let
it go to the House.

Yesterday Senator Burgwin, of New
Hanover, introduced a bill to put
Brunswick county under the State-
wide stock laws and today a petition
signed by many Beaufort county
citizens was laid before the House
asking that their county be exempted
from the operation of the law.
Some eastern counties want the law
and others do not. The stock law is
likely to be a part of the daily re-
port until the assembly adjourns.—
Brook Barkley in Wilmington Star.

**DETAILED RECORDS GIVEN OF
EXECUTION OF SOLDIERS**

**Colonel Bethel Says Watson's
Charges Are False.**
Washington, Dec. 8.—Detailed re-
cords of the War Department relat-
ing to the legal execution of eleven
members of the American expedi-
tionary forces were presented today

**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER
EXECUTION**

Under and by virtue of an execution to
me directed and issued by the Superior Court
of Robeson County, North Carolina, in an
action between L. H. Caldwell, and E. C.
Biggs, the undersigned Sheriff of Robeson
County will offer for sale to the highest bid-
der for Cash, at the courthouse door in Lum-
berton, North Carolina, on the 2nd day of
January 1922, same being the first Monday
in January 1922, at 12 o'clock, Noon, all the
right, title and interest and estate of E. C.
Biggs, in and to the following described
lands:
Situate on the northeast side of Bear
Swamp, and beginning at a large pine stump
on the southwest side of a branch, and runs
due South 10 chains and 50 links to a light-
wood tree; then south 80 degrees west 10
chains to a small pine; then south 15 de-
grees east 35 chains to a stake; then south
77 degrees west 33 chains to a stake; then
north 10 degrees east 28 chains to a stake;
then north 43 east 33 chains to a large pine
stump; then a direct line to the beginning,
and containing 100 acres, more or less. See
Deed registered in Book 111, page 357, Robe-
son County Registry.
The interest of the aforesaid defendant in
a tenancy in common with others subject to
a life estate of C. B. Biggs.
This the 28th day of November, 1921.
R. E. LEWIS,
Sheriff, Robeson County.

to a Senate investigating commit-
tee by way of denial of charges that
scores of soldiers had been hanged
without trial. Out of consideration
for the families of the dead, the
names of the eleven were omitted
from the record.

Read by Colonel Walter E. Bethel,
General Pershing's judge advocate
general in France, the records show-
ed that those executed by the mili-
tary authorities included eight ne-
groes, two whites and one Indian.
Senator Watson, Democrat, Geor-
gia, whose presentation of the charges
on the floor of the Senate led to
the investigation, appeared before
the committee today and declared he
was prepared to prove the charges
and submitted affidavits, newspaper
clippings and letters bearing on the
subject.

Col. Bethel, who was called after
Senator Watson had read several

affidavits, declared with great em-
phasis that the charges were false.
Most of the crimes were against
women and children. One of the
white soldiers hanged was convicted
of murdering another soldier and
the other was found guilty of at-
tacking an 8-year-old Belgian girl.
A French professor was murdered
while trying to protect an old woman
and the father of the girl was killed
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