

REDUCTION OF CEMENT COSTS ON HIGHWAYS

State Board Pleased With
Evidence of Broken
Combine.

Three cement companies today gave
mill price quotations to the Indiana
State highway commission, on lots of
75,000 to 150,000 barrels of cement, for
use in hard surfacing roads to be under-
taken by the commission this year.

Members of the commission believe, is at least an open-
ing wedge in the campaign of the high-
way commission against the alleged cement
trust, members of which have been
under suspicion of collusion.

Heretofore the only quotations ob-
tainable have been for cement to be de-
livered on the job, freight paid. These
prices are local and similar in many
cases, despite great variance of distance
from the cement plants to the job.

The bids received today were as fol-
lows:

Louisville Cement Company, 25,000 bar-
rels, \$2.02, no discount. With the sack
charge deducted the mill base price is
\$1.80.

Walsh Cement Company, 25,000 bar-
rels, \$2, ten cents discount, thirty days.
Net, sacks subtracted, \$1.50.

Universal Cement Company, 75,000 to
150,000 barrels, \$2, ten cents discount, net
price, sacks subtracted, \$1.50.

The prices do not represent a great re-
duction, but previous quotations for cement
bought by the highway commission this year, but the advantage to the
State, is said to be in the fact that cement
can be bought from the company nearest the job and traction lines or
trucks used to transport it.

Immediately the commissioners opened a
conference between members of the
commission and Governor McCray was
called. It was understood that the Governor's
advice was to be asked before the
contracts were awarded.

One member of the commission al-
though pleased that the ring of cement
manufacturers apparently had been
broken, said he was disappointed in the
quotations obtained from three companies,
said he was nevertheless disappointed
that more companies had not seen fit to
enter bids.

The Lehigh Portland Cement Company
quoted a price of \$2.25, but made no formal
bid and asked to know the destination.
The Peerless Cement Company
asked further information, but gave no
quotations.

In addition to the cement bids received,
the commission also has under consider-
ation bids for brick opened today. The
brick bids were as follows:

F. W. Shue Company, \$28 per thou-
sand ft. o. b. Danville.

Vanderburgh Paper Company, \$25.25 ft.
o. b. Veedersburg.

Standard Brick Company, Crawfords-
ville, bid on 2,000,000 brick, \$25.75 ft. o. b.
plant, \$31.75 at Reelsville and \$32.85 at
Putnamville.

Martinsville Brick Company, \$26.50
ft. o. b. Martinsville, \$33.80 at Reelsville,
\$32.70 at Putnamville.

Modena Brick Company, \$28 ft. o. b.
Modena.

HELP OF BOGGS ON CAR VALUES

Mayor's Committee to Begin
Probe on Thursday.

Assistance of Harry Boggs, chief ac-
countant for the public service commis-
sion, in the investigation of the books of
the Indianapolis Steel Company, Com-
pany 1, was requested by the mayor's com-
mittee at a conference with Corporation
Counsel Taylor E. Grindler last night.
It was announced today. The public
service commission offered Mr. Boggs'
services when it was informed that the
mayor's committee had reached a point
where it could not proceed without ex-
pert help. The committee is trying to
find out whether the company is to
be held responsible for its official say it does.

The committee decided that it would
accept Mr. Boggs' services with the
provision that he work with J. Stephen
Fullen, chairman, and L. C. Schwartz,
member of the committee. It is expected
that they will start the probe Thursday.

One of the matters in which the
mayor's committee is expected to make particular
inquiry is the valuation of the utility's
property. The public service com-
mission never has fixed an exact value
for rate-making purposes. Rate charges
have been made upon a tentative value
of between \$14,000,000 and \$16,000,000.

Congressmen Favor Immigration Plan of Lillian Russell

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Lillian
Russell's proposal that Congress declare
a five-year "holiday" on immigration was
strongly endorsed today by members of
Congress responsible for framing the im-
migration laws.

A bill to incorporate the former ac-
tress's recommendations, drawn after an
inspection of conditions abroad under a
commission from President Harding,
was to be introduced soon. Miss
Russell is to appear before the House
Immigration Committee tomorrow to give
further reasons why she believes immi-
gration should be stopped for five years.

Gets Prison Term for Attacking Girl

Ray Wilson, a "lutey" driver, 1704
Oliver street, was found guilty of being
a criminal assault upon a girl and was
sentenced to serve two to fourteen years
in the Indiana State Reformatory by
Judge James A. Collins in Indianapolis
today. The girl proved Wilson induced
a girl to enter his automobile and took
her to a lonely part of the city, where
he attacked her.

Bryson Will Make Changes in Office

Mr. Bryson, assistant postmaster, will
be added to the new order department and
Mr. Byfield will take the room which has
been used by the postmaster.

Postmaster Bryson will move into a
third room which was intended originally
as a private room for the postmaster,
but which as a matter of fact has been
used very little.

Extra Effort to Way for S.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., March 29.—C. E. Dunn,
postmaster, has been working extra hard
to get the new order department ready for
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