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No matter how good roads are when built they will not remain that way. Each year there is certain depreciation; each year repairs must be made.

America has about 30,000,000 automotive vehicles. They are valueless without roads. They constitute a tremendous investment. But our civilization demands them; we would not be able to go back to horse-and- buggy days. To do so would be to change our whole scheme of living. It would throw millions of people out of work; it would bring about a greater depression than any we have known.

So the automobile industry must continue and it must prosper if America is to prosper. But if the automobile industry is to continue to expand, then our paved highway system must be expanded. Already accidents are too numerous. Our highways are too crowded. We need more and wider trunk automobile roads; we need more farm-to-market roads.

People who say America is finished, that there is nothing left to be accomplished, should take a good look at our highways. There are many more miles to be built in the next thirty years than were built in the last thirty. If we do not build them, all the people will suffer. If we do build them we shall have a heavy annual bill for replacements and upkeep.