

## HOLT REOPENS HIGHWAY CASE

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receiving compensation for money I spent, myself, while engaged on highway commission business, and not with the idea of getting per diem."

In connection with one per diem claim for \$20, Brown said he was in Helena at that time to obtain information and figures which resulted in a new policy for purchasing road oil.

The policy, he testified, consisted of delivering road oil heated at the site of the construction job.

"From my practical experience," he testified, "I know that it would result in a saving and that it would work out to the advantage of local industries."

"I am satisfied that this new policy of purchasing road oil saved the state at least \$50,000 a year. I estimate that my services in connection with it on the day specified in my claim was worth \$100 to the state," he said.

Another per diem charge was entered, he said, after he went to Laurel in connection with a dispute over the location of a bridge across the Yellowstone. His personal services to the state on that day, he testified, he valued at \$500.

His services to the state were worth "not less than \$50" the day he went to Puysh to confer with county commissioners on feeder roads and discuss construction plans for the Electric highway.

He described other trips he made and for which he charged per diem and gave testimony as to the value of his services to the state in connection.

Near the end of his 12-hour day on the witness stand, Commissioner Brown testified that the creation of the state highway patrol means new responsibilities for the commissioners.

The duties added at that time, he said, included selecting patrolmen, arranging for their schooling, selecting equipment, compiling highway regulations, conducting an educational program, and investigating highway crashes.

Brown said that after the patrol was organized and operating most of that work was carried on by Commissioner Croonenberghs, as chairman of the highway patrol board.

New federal regulations, he said, also have added to the labors of the individual commissioner.

## Brown Defends Expenses at Resumed Hearing (continued)

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