

OUSTED STATE ROAD GROUP TO CONTINUE FIGHT

Counsel Refuses to
Elaborate on This
Statement; New
Commissioners Meet

Helena, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The three Montana highway commissioners Gov. Elmer Holt twice ousted for collection of allegedly illegal fees indicated definitely Thursday night through one of their counsel they will continue their legal fight to remain in office.

Before leaving for his home at Great Falls, Attorney George Hurd said the commissioners—Dr. H. J. McGregor, Rockwood Brown and L. J. Croonenberghs—"have a definite legal move in mind which their counsel do not deem advisable to divulge at this time." He declines to amplify this statement.

Governor Holt Wednesday night closed an ouster hearing he reopened December 17 to let the commissioners make a "good-faith" defense; issued separate removal orders for each board member, and then appointed a new highway commission.

The new commission, Fred A. Fligman of Great Falls, chairman; D. L. O'Hern, Miles City, vice chairman, and Thomas O. Collins of Deer Lodge, filed \$10,000 bonds each with the secretary of state and went into session immediately.

They adopted a resolution stating there was no immediate plan for any change in the highway department personnel.

"We will return to Helena early in January and take up important highway commission business. We have simply been organizing the new board today," said Chairman Fligman.

Governor Holt first removed the former commissioners last November 13 after a two-day public hearing on

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