## THE PEOPLE OF BIRMIN

Your Village Clerk, Thomas E. Harris, suggested in a letter under date of August 21st, 1917, that I had not made good my word to the Village of Birmingham as regards reward money promised toward the paving of Woodward Avenue in the village, and consequently that the people of the village were sore.

I hereby submit the evidence in the case, and allow you to decide for yourselves. This evidence is in the form of correspondence entirely covering the situation; as follows:

EDWIN S. GEORGE.
Detroit. Michigan.
August 24th, 1917.
Mr. Frank F. Rogers.
State Highway Commissioner,
Lansing, Michigan.
My dear Mr. Rogers—
I this day received memoria. B. Aracommunication by things of Birming,
ham, which I am sure will laterest
you:

you: "Mr. Edwin S. George,

"Mr. Edwin S. George,
Detroit, Mich.
Dear Sir:
I have again been requested to call
your attention to the fact that in, the
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sum equal to 33400.00 per mile toward the cost of paving Woodward
arenue in the Village of Birmingham,
and after several communication
able to find out definitely from you
as to what your intentions are in resard to this matter. I take the opportunity to enclose a copy of letter sent
you by the board at Intention
to you by the board at Junt files.
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to the fact that the council greatly appreclated your offer at that time as it
was a good talking point with the people in order to get them
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know whether or not it is going to be accepted.

I await your reply.

Signed. EDWIN S. GRORGE!

The next day, October 18th, 1914, you replied as follows:

"Mr. Edwin S. George.

Detroit Mich.

Dear M. George October

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Signed, FRANK F. ROGERS, To Highway Commissioner To which I immediately wired re-

the roads of micrigan, a remain.

Signed, FRANK F. ROGERS."

To which II replied under date of October 29th is per follows:

"Mr. Frank F. Rogers, Lansing, Mich. Dear Mr. Rogers:—I am indeed pleased to learn from your letter of October 27th, that the Village of Bismingham intends to take advantage of my offer, as has Oakland County in the meantine, and it is even more gradifying meantine, and it is even more gradifying and post of Pontiac to make a like proposition for the road between Birmingham and Pontiac.

It will certainly be a great boom, for Oakland County if the road is completed from Detroit to Pontiac next year, and I wish to take this op class the control of the control of the pontiac next year, and I wish to take this op

which you have gi Signed, EDWIN S.

Road Commissioners communicated with me, enclosing an advertisement for bids for the construction of the concrete road between Royal Oak and Birmingham. I was present when these bids were opened, and approved of the contract being placed with the bidser Construction Co. for the building the contract of the road.

The Frank P. Rogers, Lansing, Mich. Dear Mr. Rogers, Lansing, Mich. Dear Mr. Rogers, Lansing, Mich. Dear Mr. Rogers, —I am today adaed by Mr. I'. B. Smith, President the Village of Birmingham, that is Village has entered into a concet with the Andrews Sheet Asphalt woodward Arenue through the Village of Birmingham with an asphaltic energie pavement to be placed on a linch concrete foundation with concrete pavement to be placed on a linch concrete foundation with concrete for the Village of Birmingham the Shith & Boulay Co., of Toledo, io.

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Signed, FRANK F. ROGERIS.

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ictier to the County Road Commissioner, years of Oakland County. Pontiac, Mich. Gentlemen:—I acknowledge recopt of your favor of October 29th, and I enclose herewith draft for \$14,541.50.

made payable to the Oakland County made payable to the Oakland County and provided the payable to the Oakland County ward money of \$3400 per mile for the concrete road which was constructed by Oakland County between Royal Oakland County Selfer Roya

Is not the evidence herewith submitted sufficiently conclusive of the fact that Edwin S. George has stood leady to make good his word, and that the failure on the part of the village of Birmingham to receive any reward money is no fault of Mr. George. I again say I will allow the good people of the village of Birmingham to decide whether or not Edwin S. George has kept/his word.

Signed EDWIN S. GEORGE