

The board took up the petition for the improvement of road, filed Sept. 12, 1917, here designated "Fort to Fort Highway, Petition, District No. 1," signed by Chas. E. Canton and 46 others representing 2,495.14 acres out of a possible 3,597.09, or 69.5%. The full text of the petition follows herewith =

Petition for Improvement of Road.

Petition To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas -
 We, the undersigned, residents of said county, and owning land surface in the Rural Benefit District hereinafter described, being more than 51% of the land within said district, or being more than 35% of the land within said district, or being the owner of at least 51% of the land within said district, or being the owner of at least 60% of the land within said district, respectfully petition your honorable body to permanently improve a certain portion of the regularly laid out public road in said county, named and known as the Fort to Fort Highway road. Said portion of said road is located within said district. The terminal point and other specially fixed location thereof to be improved are as follows =

Description of the road north of the city of Lawrence = Beginning at the intersection of Seventh & North street in the city of Lawrence, Kan., at the corner of sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, in township 12 S. of range 20 E. of 6th P.M., thence along the established road north on the section line between sections 19 and 20 about one mile to the corner of sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, thence east on the section line between sections 17 and 20, and 16 and 21, to a point near the south bank of Mill Creek, designated as Station #20+50 E.F. in the plans of the road on file in the office of the County Clerk in Douglas County, thence northeasterly, west and north of the right of way of Leavenworth branch of Union Pacific R.R. to a point on the line between Douglas and Leavenworth counties, near the quarter section corner between sections 15 and 16, in township 12 S. of Range 20 E. of 6th P.M., all as definitely shown on said plans, filed in the office of the County Clerk.

We further petition your honorable board that said highway shall connect in Grant township on the east with said highway in Leavenworth County on said Douglas and Leavenworth county line, and on the south in said township with the city of Lawrence at 7th street N. to form one continuous and complete highway.

We state that such permanent improvements will be of benefit to said district and of public utility. Thence it be found necessary, in the opinion of the State Highway Engineer, to make any reasonable changes in the location of said road for the purpose of improving its alignment or general condition or to deduce grades or to eliminate