INRE: Obtaining motor vehicle license by January 31st, but custom and practice permits to approximately March 15th.

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Hon. Joseph L. Gutting, Prosecuting Attorney, Clark County, Kahoka, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

In a postscript to a letter of February 27th, 1933 regarding John Martin etc., you state,

"Please inform me by return mail when you think all county officials should start picking up motor drivers on licenses so all counties could start enforcing this law at the same time and make it uniform."

I will answer the postscript at the present time by saying the securing of plates and paying these license fees seems to be due and obtainable beginning January 31st of each year; Sec. 7762.

On account of the difference in the size of the numerous cities in Missouri in the different counties thereof, it would be very hard to begin enforcing the law at a uniform date as suggested in your postscript. In the larger cities for instance like St. Louis and Kansas City, all of the people could not under any circumstance get their licenses as quickly as in smaller localities where there isn't such a largernumber of people using automobiles.

The officers in each county (the Sheriff) may begin to pick up offenders as soon after the beginning of the time fixed by law for securing these plates and licenses and paying the fees therefor as in his discretion may seem proper but in view of the scarcity of money, we would rather suggest being fairly liberal in the matter of time of starting to pick them up, I understand State Patrol will start picking up some March 15th.

Hoping this suggestion may be of some assistance in the matter, I will close in reference to that feature of your letter.

Yours very truly,

GEO. B. STROTHER,

Assistant Attorney-General

Approved:

ROY McKITTRICK Attorney General Hon. Jos. L. Gutting

March 2nd, 1933

## Postscript:

In the main part of your letter regar ing John Martin, who you state resides in the city limits of Kahoka, you do not give enough information as to when he moved there, who he is or where his property is situated to give a proper answer to the question therein asked.

Is he minor, a high school attendant, a voluntary moved in resident, a voted in resident of your city, and if so when; and if so, was just a part of the School District voted in or was he listed by mistake in Lincoln College School District and is the last high or ordinary school district?

Will you kindly give me some additional information before I answer that portion of your letter.

Thanking you, I am

Respectfully yours,

GEO. B. STROTHER

Assistant AttorneyGeneral

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