

April 22, 1930

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of April 16th, asking if I can refer you to any speeches of Lincoln which mention the subject of highways. I suppose you mean by that roads, if so, no, I cannot. However, Lincoln was deeply interested in transportation and his first public address, made to his constituents in Sangamon County, Illinois, when he was twenty three years old, gives special attention to the question of transportation. Here, he advocated river transportation - the railroad being in his mind too expensive. He was active in the wild campaign for railroads and canals - internal improvements, which swept over Illinois in the thirties. He fought for a bridge across the Mississippi. His work for the Union Pacific is, of course, well known. But I do not remember a single reference to roads, as I suppose you use the word.

Miller If you will write to John W. Star, ²
Hellersburg, Pa., I think you will receive a more authorita-
tive answer than I can give you. Mr. Star has written an
excellent book, called, "Lincoln and the Railroads", in
which, I think, he has published every known expression of
Lincoln, in regard to transportation. ₃

I am sure he will be glad to help you.
I am sorry that I cannot settle the question positively for
you.

Very truly yours

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