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Honorable C. Farris Bryant,
House of Representatives,
Ocala, Florida.

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Supplementing our letter of February 18 in regard to weighing of trucks, we quote the following from a report submitted by our Chief of Weight Section:

"In regard to giving truck drivers weights on their trucks when they request it, the troopers at the weight stations have been doing this when possible. The trooper tells them the weight but does not give them a weight ticket unless they are overweight. The reason for not giving them a State weight ticket is that some truck drivers have been known to put more weight on their trucks after they have been weighed at our scales. We have even had trucks pull onto our scales in the northern part of the state with a trailer pulled by a Ford or Chevrolet tractor; then after they are weighed, go on down the highway and change the Ford or Chevrolet tractor for a Mack. We have caught two of them doing this. Two weeks ago we had a truck from a northern state which was overweight on our scales and the truck driver said our scales was not right, and pulled out a Mississippi State weight ticket that was much less than our scales showed. After our trooper questioned him, he admitted part of his load was transported across Mississippi by another truck.

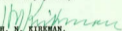
"Several times we have had 5 or 6 trucks in a bunch at the Old Town weight station (going north) who wanted the weights on their trucks.

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The reason for their bunching up and wanting their weights was to keep the trooper busy so that an overloaded truck could get by the scales on a dirt road that runs parallel with SR 527 about 3/4 of a mile south of the weight station.

"I will check to make sure that all the weight men are giving the weights of trucks when the drivers request it."

Sincerely yours,


H. N. KIRKMAN,
Director.

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