18. Roadways lacking painted centerlines or traffic lanes.
19. Unstandardized signs, signals and regulations. The Hoover Conference on Street and Highway Safety made up of representatives from the entire country has made great progress in this direction.
20. Route, warning and street signs ineffectively placed, out of range of driving lights, not illuminated or invisible at night. With the rapid increase in numbers of motor cars throughout the country, traffic regulation and control is becoming more necessary and exacting. Signs and signals are the means for making regulation and control possible, provided, they are so placed to be effective under the most adverse conditions—darkness and a wet or icy pavement. To test the value of a sign system, drive under the conditions mentioned and see if all signs are easily visible and all stops can be complied with without skidding past the point of danger.

ROADSIDE WEED CUTTING

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The cutting of weeds along the roadside should be given serious attention by all County Highway Superintendents. If weeds are permitted to grow along the road we find that in a few years the drainage is seriously interfered with and the roads do not dry out as rapidly in the spring as they should. Roadside weeds are unsightly, hold snow in the winter time and cause unnecessary work in snow removal.

There is considerable disagreement among Highway Superintendents and farmers as to whose duty it is to see that the weeds along the roadside are cut. I am a farmer myself and believe that it is my duty to keep the weeds cut along the road in front of my farm. I take this stand for three reasons:

1. The law states that all land owners shall cut down or cause to be cut down, and destroyed, all weeds along the road bordering on their land.
2. It improves the appearance of any farm by having a roadside neat and clean.
3. It is not fair to the industrious farmer, who cleans his own roadside, for the county to spend some of its meager gravel road repair funds in cleaning up the roadside where the lazy farmer fails to do his duty.