New Highway Bridge Is Badly Needed

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The highway bridge over the Santa Fe Railroad has always been dangerous and a number of accidents have occurred caused by the bridge being too narrow.

The Highway Department and the Federal Government propose to build a new bridge, to carry the increasing traffic. Plans were submitted about two months ago and there were no provisions for pedestrians. Another set of plans was then prepared which provided for a walk over the bridge and also provisions for the building of a walk along the approaches to the new bridge.

This will mean a fine structure over the Santa Fe for vehicle traffic as well as for persons walking. It further means that if the bridge is built that there will be spent for labor in this community about $4,000. This is no small item at the present time.

As stated this is a Federal Job and the government will not pay any money for right-of-way. It might be stated that there is some trouble in obtaining right-of-way agreements to meet the requirement of the highway department.

It is sincerely hoped that the right-of-way question can be worked out, and that it will not be necessary to resort to the courts on condemnation proceedings. It always leaves a better taste, when matters of this kind can be agreed upon instead of resorting to the courts for settlement. The bridge is badly needed and the fact that provisions are made for a walk will be a great benefit to all residents north of the bridge and it is hoped that everything can be agreed upon and work started at once.