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MAHONING ROAD

The Township Board of Supervisors has Problem to Solve.

For some time past there has been an interesting game going on between the Township of Stuntz and W. C. Agnew, superintendent of the Mahoning mine, and at the present time the points all favor the mining man. The bone of contention is the thoroughfare leading out of Hibbing westward, known as the Mahoning road. The board of supervisors has endeavored to keep an open highway connecting Hibbing with the Carson lake, Stevenson and other mining locations west of here, and it appears that Mr. Agnew has sought to throw every obstacle at his command in the way of the supervisors. Whether it is done with intent The Ore is not in a position to say, but it would seem that the mining man might treat the people of Hibbing on the east and the people of the mining locations west of the Mahoning mine with a little more consideration. It would not hurt much to be a little more neighborly, and perhaps Mr. Agnew might come to like being neighborly after he became used to it. The original Mahoning road ran straight west from North street of the village, on past the Mahoning mine and thence on west through the mining location. Mining extension made it necessary to move the road about one-fourth of a mile north, which took it above and around the Mahoning location.

cular hardship to anyone, but just as the travelers became familiar with the thoroughfare the mining company laid a dumping ground across the road, and the board of supervisors was compelled to cut a new road further to the north. This road was no more than completed when came the startling news that the township would have to move the road to the point still further north, and it is presumed that this game will be continued until the Township of Stuntz will be pushed entirely off the land controlled by the mining company. At one time last summer Mr. Agnew consented to a bridge being thrown over the mining work, but just about the time the board of supervisors was ready to start the work, Mr. Agnew changed his mind. As the road now runs it takes the traveler several miles out of his way, and works a great inconvenience to the business people of Hibbing who supply the western mining locations. Besides the inconvenience, the cost of road building is considerable, and it is money virtually thrown away. The most feasible proposition for the consideration of the board of supervisors is to cut out the Mahoning road entirely, and construct a new road at the south side of town. There is a splendid highway leading south from the village, and from the Ansley farm the distance is but two and one-half miles to Kelly lake, which is but a short distance from the Stevenson mine. With a road from the south the troublesome Mahoning problem

would be entirely eliminated, and all of the mining locations and railroad camps to the west would have immediate connection with Hibbing, a connection not likely to be disturbed by the progress of mining that is sure to follow the highway which now gives Hibbing its connection with western points.

The road intersected the Powers & Simpson road about one-half a mile west of the Mahoning mine, and from that point connection was made with the old Stevenson mine road. This worked no parti-

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