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APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF MARION, \$1,624.00, SIDEWALK  
IMPROVEMENTS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 19, 1923.

*Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF MARION, \$12,285.00, STREET  
IMPROVEMENTS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 19, 1923.

*Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

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## DISAPPROVAL, BONDS OF HARDIN COUNTY, \$11,465.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 19, 1923.

*Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

Re: Bonds of Hardin County, \$11,465.00.

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the transcript furnished this department in connection with the above bond issue. The bonds are issued under section 6496 of the General Code, and under the provisions of the sections known as ditch laws of Ohio, which laws have recently been attacked in courts on the question of constitutionality.

In the case of the State of Ohio ex rel. Edward U. Shaffer et al. v. Gus Otter as County Surveyor, Ashland County, Ohio, a decision was rendered December 29, 1922, by the Supreme Court of Ohio, in which decision the court found so many defects in the present ditch laws of Ohio that they are rendered very nearly unworkable.

In view of this decision, in my opinion it is not advisable to purchase bonds issued under section 6496 of the General Code as provided by former laws. By