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Blue Rapids, Kansas.

December, 16, 1924.

Governor Ben S. Paulen,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Governor:

I notice by the Press that there is a bill being prepared to reduce the inspection charges and weighing charges of the State Grain Department from one dollar per car to sixty cents per car. This I think would be detrimental to your administration and would be of no benefit to the farmers of Kansas.

Kansas City is the Grain headquarters of the great Southwest and while Kansas raises lots of grain and markets most of it at Kansas City, there is vast quantities from Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, and even as far west as Washington and Oregon, that is shipped to Kansas City and sold on Kansas City inspection and weights, and all of these shipments that originate outside of Kansas should not be handled by the Kansas State Grain at barely cost.

The Kansas Farmer is well satisfied with the present charges for inspection and weighing. This agitation for a reduction in charges originates and comes from the commission men in Kansas City. There is about as many cars shipped out , of Kansas City as there is shipped into Kansas City. And the trouble with the commission men is, that they have to pay the inspection and weight charges on these out cars which does not concern the producer or the Kansas Farmer at all, and this is what they are trying to overcome, to get a reduction on the inspection

and weights in order to protest themselves on the charges of these outgoing cars.

I am expecting to be in Topeka Friday, the nineteenth of this month and would like fifteen or twenty minutes of your time to go over this matter and explain it to you. Two years ago the Grain

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Department turned in Seventy-five Thousand Dollars to the general fund, and turned over Eighty-two thousand to the Davis Administration, I don't know just what condition the department is in financially at this time but I understand that their balance is not very large.

Hoping to see you, I am

Respectfully yours,

S. F. Paul.