

Simmang Lashes Out at Overloaded Trucks on Road

County Judge John S. Simmang of Lee County was the keynote speaker at the annual County Judges and Commissioners Association convention at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel Monday.

Judge Simmang lashed out at the overloaded trucks destroying the splendid highway system maintained by the State of Texas.

He proposed that such mayhem to public property be stopped by stricter laws and stricter law enforcement.

"For reckless driving," he said, "we revoke the driver's license. Is it logical that for overloading as much as 200 per cent we should only charge a \$14 fine?"

He suggested that the punishment for overloading be the revocation of the truckowner's permit to operate in Texas.

Half the sales taxes on motor vehicles should be turned over to the counties, Judge Simmang urged upon the next legislature.

He added that instead of requiring county option elections, each county should be allowed to levy the 30-cent property tax which the state is giving up next year. This tax, he said, could be used for conservation or road building.

Approximately 700 members of the association were present for the opening session. Mr. Simmang is past president of the Association.