

To the Farmers of Lee County:

The Giddings Cotton Oil Company intends to begin operation this month and will make the same high grade meal and hulls as formerly. There is being an organized effort to ship your cotton seed away from Giddings and your local mill to foreign mills. Will say in this connection that when the Giddings Cotton Oil Company was organized, the outside mills were paying for seed at Giddings \$5.00 to \$8.00 per ton; further, every ton of seed leaving your town takes a freight rate of three to four dollars a ton and the hulls shipped in take the same. This money is paid to the R. R. Company and leaves your city never to return.

The oil mill is one of the larger tax payers and virtually every cent that is paid out for labor and salaries is spent in your town and county. You cannot build up your city and county by shipping out your raw products and shipping in your manufactured stuff. That has been the history of all of them. The writer of this article has never patronized the mail order houses or sent his money away from Giddings and Lee County unless it was absolutely unavoidable and the sum total would be very small. I have always stood for the upbuilding of my town and county and have always subscribed what I could spare and then some to any enterprise that would help us.

You know that we have always made as good or better meal and hulls than you could buy elsewhere and frequently for less money. When you tear down your local enterprises you only injure yourself in the long run.

Very truly,
J. D. Fields, Mgr.
Giddings Cotton Oil Co.

As soon as we commence operations, we will make attractive prices on stuff. Bring us your seed.