



There's a good comment by Mark on how he understands bridge problem. Dirt roads can be navigated but when you come to bridge and are hauling wheat and can't get over, that's a problem.

Tells story about guy delivering paper saying to Mary "Your husband's an honest man... I've been delivering his paper for 5 years and anybody who has been in office as long as he has and has as bad a road as that has to be an honest man.

What will you do with 4¢ gas tax increase? Use it to help highways. "That money would be plowed into the programs." Mark says how biased he is in favor of roads "when you live at the end of a long road as we do in the midwest."

New federalism discussed.

They agree that small groups have added to cost of highways and Congress has responded to them. "We need some help from Congress" to cut expenses and time of highway building.

They go around on farmers taxes for use of interstate highways when they don't use the highways. "It's a nuisance that gets people pretty irate." IRS said farmers owed an excise tax higher than their 20 year old trucks were worth.

Congress gave them some money for Rural Transportation Assistance Programs. 5M.

And Mark asks what they are doing with that money. They don't seem to be doing much and his question that 'didn't we stimulate your imagination?' with our money draws on negative kind of response. Mark doesn't seem to be pushing that.