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ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION.

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COMMITTEE TO CALL NEXT CONVENTION.

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Call for National Convention of Railroad Commissioners.

At a Convention of Railroad Commissioners held at the city of Washington on the 6th day of March, 1889, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the members of this Convention that provision should be made for annual conventions of the Railroad Commissioners of the several States and the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to be held at such place as may be agreed upon, with a view of perfecting uniform legislation and regulation concerning the supervision of railroads.

A resolution was also adopted appointing a committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and three State Commissioners, to call the next Convention and determine the time and place of holding the same.

Pursuant to the foregoing resolutions the undersigned, the Committee then appointed, designate the 28th day of May, A. D. 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m., as the time, and the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission, No. 1317 F street, Sun Building, in the city of Washington, D. C., as the place for holding said Convention.

The Railroad Commissioners of all the States, and any State officers charged with the supervision of railroads or railroad interests, and the Executive Committee of the Association of American Railway Accounting Officers are respectfully requested to attend the Convention.

The undersigned respectfully suggest that among the subjects which may properly be considered by the Convention are the following :

6 CONVENTION OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

I. **RAILWAY LEGISLATION :**

How to obtain harmony in.

(Committee appointed by last Convention to report at next Convention.)

II. **ANNUAL REPORTS FROM CARRIERS :**

Uniformity in, to State Commissions and Interstate Commerce Commission, to what extent desirable.

What further steps may be taken for securing greater uniformity.

III. **UNIFORMITY IN RAILWAY ACCOUNTING :**

How far is it desirable.

How it may be obtained.

IV. **CLASSIFICATION OF RAILWAY STATISTICS :**

Why should statistics be grouped on the basis of similarity of conditions.

What principles should control in making such groupings.

V. **CLASSIFICATION OF FREIGHT :**

Should it be uniform in opposite directions.

Should it be uniform for the whole country.

What should be the unit of classification, *e. g.*, train-load, car-load, or commercial package.

What should be deemed a reasonable difference in the classification of car-loads and less than car-loads.

VI. **RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION :**

Should State or Federal regulation be provided.

What should be the character of such regulation.

VII. **STATE RAILROADS :**

Should they be brought under the operation of the Federal law.

Should subjection of their business to the Federal law be made a condition of engaging in interstate business in any form, whether by joint tariffs, through billing of freight or ticketing of passengers, or by accepting traffic for or delivering traffic from their own lines independently of any business connection with other lines.

VIII. **REASONABLE RATES:**

What elements should be considered in determining the reasonableness and justice of a rate.

What degree of difference should exist between a joint through rate for a continuous carriage over connecting roads and the local rates of the respective roads.

How are rates to be fixed under legislative authority in view of the rulings of the courts that the rate a carrier may lawfully charge is a judicial question.

IX. **SAFETY APPLIANCES FOR RAILROAD CARS:**

What legislation, if any, should be had by Congress.

The foregoing are only suggestions offered by the Committee, and any other topics affecting State and Interstate Commerce may properly be entertained and discussed by the Convention. A permanent record is expected to be made of the proceedings.

THOMAS M. COOLEY,	} Committee.
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of Connecticut,	
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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 24th*, 1890.

