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IN reply to numerous inquiries, the present plans of the National League for Good Roads are stated as follows:

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2. To awaken interest in the subject among the people at large.
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The immediate formation of County Leagues is recommended as a step toward the spread of the organization into Townships and school districts. County secretaries will be appointed by the State Boards, upon the recommendation of prominent citizens.

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