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Decision No. 8478

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application  
of ALVA FUDGE and EDWARD WINSLOW  
DAVIES for certificate of public  
convenience and necessity to op-  
erate passenger and express service  
between Madera, Madera County and  
Friant, Fresno County.

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} Application No. 5970.  
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M. Midsay South and Loren A. Butts for  
applicant.

H. E. Gogarty for Southern Pacific Company.

J. R. Allen for American Railway Express  
Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## O P I N I O N

Applicants seek authority to establish auto  
passenger and express service between Madera and Friant,  
a distance of 26 miles.

Applicants propose to operate a Cadillac touring  
car one round trip a day.

A public hearing upon the application was  
held by Examiner Westover at Fresno.

The only present means of transportation  
between Madera and Friant is via Fresno, a distance of about

50 miles by rail, with six trains per day in each direction between Madera and Fresno and two trains per day in each direction between Fresno and Friant.

The points upon which applicant relies are that the Madera Irrigation District proposes to construct a dam near Friant which it is estimated will require the labor of about 2000 men. It appears, however, that the bond issue by which the construction is to be financed has not yet been voted.

Applicants presented no testimony tending to show that if the need for labor now existed that the men would desire to travel by way of Madera rather than Fresno. Fresno, the present junction point, is about equally distant from the labor centers of San Francisco and Los Angeles. Men supplied for work of this kind through the labor agencies are usually furnished with transportation through to their work. There was no showing as to what proportion, if any, of the men who would probably travel to Friant would arrange for their own transportation.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held upon the above entitled application, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION that there is at present no public necessity or convenience which requires the service proposed by applicants.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application  
be and it is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1920.

Elin J. Edgerton  
H. D. Loveland  
H. D. Prudigg  
Darius M. Atch  
Commissioners.