

Utah, named—without his being asked—because it would not have been completed without his twenty-five-thousand-dollar contribution. It was the doing that mattered with Carl, not the thing done. Despite all his efforts, however, against personal publicity, thousands of newspaper clippings printed after the name Carl Fisher, "Father of the Lincoln Highway."

Carl had said long before actual work on the road began that the United States would never be content with the building of this single road. It would stimulate the nation with the desire to build more, he said, and he was right. Within a dozen years after the dedication of the Lincoln Highway, nearly one hundred highway organizations had been founded on the principles of the Lincoln Highway Association and were bent upon the work of building roads for all America. Commissions came from all over the country to study the transportation values of the great Lincoln Highway that was saving an incalculable amount of foodstuffs in marketing, developing product deliveries, and opening up remote and lovely parks and mountain regions. Other commissions also came from all over the world to watch the Lincoln Highway grow, link by link, through the years, putting an end to isolation, acquainting the states with one another and narrowing the area between two great oceans.

One of the highways to be developed in this new road-building era was the Dixie Highway, likewise "fathered by Carl Fisher."

Back in 1914 President Wilson had written to the Lincoln Highway Association a request that had to be denied: "I am sure that the whole country is interested to see to it that there should no longer exist a North or a South in this absolutely united country which we all love, and that the imaginary Mason and Dixon Line should be made once and for all a thing of the past; and as a small contribution to that end I earnestly suggest that the Lincoln Highway Association should grant permission to place the official Lincoln Highway markers on the macadam roadway running from Philadelphia to Washington, through the properly selected streets of the latter city to the Lincoln Memorial now under construction, and from thence along the