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"I find, also, that there were danger signs and placards placed around the track, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company knew the dangerous condition that existed there and should have afforded the public more and better protection from accident and death."

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