ALABAMA ENDS CONVICT LEASING

3,692 VEHICLES USE ARTHUR KILL BRIDGES

On Thursday afternoon, 3,692 vehicles used the Arthur Kill Bridge, a significant number compared to previous counts. The bridge connects New Jersey and Staten Island. This increase in traffic may indicate growing economic activity or a rising number of commuters taking advantage of this route.

GOVERNOR GRAVES PRESENT

Flawless and "All My Troubles Are Over," wafted from shafts of coal mines today as 600 negro convicts, in their last task under the Alabama convict lease system, practiced a more than twenty years standing tradition.

Condemned as "a relic of barbarism," the convict leasing system ended at midnight after a fight which lasted for thirteen years. The first agitation against the leasehold service of convicts in the State to private interests was started in 1895. Governor Bibb Graves, who led the fight against the system, was inaugurated into the Governor's office last month. Convicts were placed on the highway before the adjournment of the legislature the Governor's plan was written into law and all white prisoners were placed on State highways or on State farms last June. Because of the lack of facilities it was necessary to delay movement of a considerable number of facilities for working them being obtained.

Five hundred of the prisoners from the coal mines today were transferred to the State's model prison farm in Exmore County. The farm is composed of 1,904 acres, 700 of which are cleared and under cultivation. Others will be distributed among various building camps in the State. The feasibility of working prisoners on the State highway projects was a question debated by the State authorities when the Governor transferred the prisoners to the State Farm. The prisoners were ordered to a Norse, a town near the farm by the State Highway Director, the plan has been a success and has resulted in a great saving for the State. The contributions of the convicts as they line up to turn their carloads of coal and pig iron for the last time are described as sufficient reward for Governor Graves and other State officials who have been engaged in the work of transferring the prisoners.

"Boss, I'm no longer in slavery," and other expressions were addressed to the officials by the dainty prisoners as they broke camp. Fifty prisoners, who were happier still, were addressed by the director of the State Convict Department, who gave them a reward for faithful and efficient work. They will be permitted to return home, some with salaries for ninety days and at the end of this period they will be permitted to receive extensions and permits.

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