

The Executive Committee of the State University of Kentucky met in special session in President Barker's office, Friday, March 5, 1915, at 12 o'clock.

Those present were: Messrs. C. B. Nichols, T. L. Edelen, R. C. Stoll, J. C. Brown and P. P. Johnston.

Absent: Messrs. C. B. Terrell and G. G. Brock.

President Barker made a report relative to improvements being made in Winslow Street. He stated that in company with Mr. Johnston, he had gone down to see the commissioners about the street and found that they were not at all impressed with the idea that they should deliberately pay any part of it. They stated that they were under the impression that it was for the benefit of the University, and that but for the University, they would not have engaged in it. They had passed no ordinance nor authorized anybody to do anything at all with reference to the street. The President further stated that he had never talked with the commissioners before on the subject and they did not pretend that he ever had. They admitted that nobody purporting to represent the Board of Trustees or Executive Committee had ever talked with them. They, however, were under the impression that Judge Lafferty had spoken by authority in what he had said to them, although he had not told them this in so many words.

President Barker replied that they ought to know that only the Board of Trustees had full authority to bind the University and that the Executive Committee represented the Board when it was not in session. Further conversation was carried on with the commissioners who were very kind and friendly towards the University; The President stated that he explained to them that this was not a question of what the Board of Trustees would like to do. They were confronted with the law, which as they interpreted it, was like the law of the Medes and Persians- no variation in it whatever. The President said that on being asked to give his opinion, he had declined. The commissioners cited the matter of improving Limestone Street, toward which the University was to make annual payments for ten years, and said that they considered Winslow a parallel case. In this the President said that he thought the university had done wisely, but that his action on the part of the Board would not bind it as to future improvements.

The Commissioners held the opinion that they had the right to put the street through and take the University's ground.

The following letter from the Mayor of the City of Lexington to the Executive Committee, was read: