

on manual labor projects were not subject to the hardships charged in complaints received in Washington. These complaints were taken up in detail, and in addition the following recommendations were attached:

1. That careful supervision be given to work on Montgomery Highway. On this location women were loafing and foreman was not efficiently overseeing the operation.
2. That Nettie Farmer, 2512 9th Avenue be transferred to Bessemer Home Improvement Project, if her work record is satisfactory.
3. That "straw boss" ( man) on Atlanta Highway unit be replaced with higher type person.
4. That Negro women capable of doing supervisory work be reclassified and made squad leaders. This is not recommended generally but where the ability exists.
5. That the project be continued and increased where adequate supervision is available.
6. That all efforts be continued to make the project defensible by insisting on real work.

In spite of the facts revealed in this investigation, and from other reports on beautification projects in other States, I am of the opinion that projects of this type do not meet the need for which they were designed. Unfortunately these projects and some rat killing projects have been the only workable ones devised to take care of untrained women who cannot sew.

Twenty letters were addressed to this Administration, endorsing the Works Progress Administration aviation project in Los Angeles, California, and asking that it be continued and enlarged. These communications came from New York City, Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, California,