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TO: Hon. Jonathan H. Wagner, President, New Mexico Normal University, East Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Payment Transportation of Teachers Attending Summer Normal School.

OPINION

{*135} In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, asking if it would be proper under the provisions of Chapter 27, Laws 1919, to pay the transportation of a teacher who attended the normal during the year 1921, having traveled from Espanola to Las Vegas to attend the normal, and traveling from Las Vegas to Rodeo upon the completion of the normal course.

In my opinion the law in question contemplates the payment of the fare from the place of the location of the teacher at the time she makes her trip to the normal and back to the same place.

I do not believe that there is any authority to pay such transportation charges to a place other than that from which the teacher went to the school.

This view is supported by the provisions of Section 1 of the above mentioned act, which provides for the payment of transportation charges for fare "both going to and returning from said institution."

The use of the word "returning" would indicate that it was the intention that the fare should be paid only to the point from which the trip started.