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There are two roads which lead into Harlan County. There is the road "which winds monotonously between brown hills, with squalor and untidiness—the squalor of the very poor!" Then there is the road called "Rhododendron Highway" because of the profusion of this evergreen along the right-of-way, that winds like a wide, white ribbon between towering mountains and beside green, turbulent Cumberland River.

It is the same road, but all depends upon the viewpoint of the traveler. I have traveled this road on the right hand side and have seen the things that have given it its name "Rhododendron Highway"; I also have traveled it on the other side and have seen ~~it~~ it in its more sombre aspects. ~~xxxxxx~~ I will endeavor now to travel this same highway straight down the middle, hoping that out of the cross fire of opinion that has put Harlan County on the front pages of American newspapers during the last year will come a view of the real conditions in the mountains of Southeastern Kentucky.

First let us travel the left side of the road with Margaret Lane, feature writer for the London Daily Express, who came to Harlan a few weeks ago to get the inside facts on the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Kentucky coal field disorders.

(Take in Lane Article, in part)

Let us begin again at Pineville and ~~drive over the other~~ ^{follow the right side of the} road through Harlan County. ~~The xxxxxxxxxxxx highway begins xxxxxxxxxxxx from Pineville~~ On the right ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ side of the road, a bare two miles from Pineville, one sees a handsome new brick consolidated high school where several hundred boys and girls of Bell County go to school. A few hundred yards and the road dips into a valley and joins Cumberland River. Then for miles we travel along this winding stream. Now it is a broad river, stately under the shadow of "The Seven Sisters", seven ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ rock pillars which attract tourists from all parts of the country. The roadside is a mass of rhododendron and mountain laurel. In the springtime a laurel festival is held in