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Building the East Missouri Gravel Road
- the Tenth Line - now No. 100 Highway -

In his biography (1899) Rev. Thos. B. Brown says: "When under the régime of Sir Francis Hincks (1851-54), the municipal act was passed by which the people elected their own township and county councillors, Dennis Horsman, W. H. Gregory and Joel McCarty were among the first councillors for East Missouri. They felt the need for a gravel road through the township and passed a by-law to have one leading from the Thamesford and Ingersoll gravel road to the town line at Blanshard. Although a goodly number of the people were opposed to the enterprise, yet the road was nearly finished when the council lost its power."

It was over the road that the council was defeated at the polls. It had been found that the road was not built according to the specifications and the revenue stopped payments. The opponents of the new road were elected to office as a result of the dispute and the new council decided to put a stop to the finishing of the road. They employed engineers who condemned it as being done badly. Then, they forbade the contractor, Eleazer McCarty, to do more work refusing to give him any pay.