

Opinions to Commissioner of Agriculture.

COUNTY CONVICTS—AUTHORITY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LEASE OUT WHITE COUNTY CONVICTS.

Tallahassee, Fla., February 1, 1917.

*Hon. W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture,
Capitol.*

Dear Sir:

Your request for an opinion, dated January 31, 1917, has been received, reading as follows:

"I will thank you to give me your opinion as to whether or not counties have a right to lease out white men who have been convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced to a term in the county jail. I have had some inquiries from counties who have been leasing out their white prisoners and am anxious to give them a hearing, and will appreciate your legal advice as soon as it is convenient."

Replying to above will advise that I know of no law in this State which prohibits the county commissioners of the respective counties leasing out white men who have been convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced to a term in the county jail.

You very likely have confused the law providing for the grading and leasing of State convicts with the law providing for the leasing of county convicts.

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.