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DRIVER IN FATAL ACCIDENT RARELY PUNISHED IN COURT

In a report to Congress on a study of fatal highway accidents, the Bureau of Public Roads notes that of 905 drivers involved, only 28 served time in jail and only 95 paid fines. More than 88 per cent were not penalized by the courts in any way.

Records from four States accounted for 614 of these cases. Motor-vehicle departments in these States reported their action following the fatal accidents. Only 11.5 per cent of the drivers escaped the forfeiture—for at least a short period—of their rights to drive, and the driving privileges of one-third were either suspended for 6 months or more, or revoked entirely.