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Painting Missouri. . .

Missouri artist William O'Donnell stopped in New London last week to begin painting the Ralls County Courthouse. O'Donnell, better known in the art world as "Billyo," is a nationally-renowned *En Plein Air*, or open air, painter. He explained that he is in the process of producing a book which will contain paintings of historic sites from all 114 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis. Thus far, O'Donnell said, he has visited 30 counties and hopes to have his work finished by August of next year. "It will be the first art book of its kind. It will be unique," he said. Here, O'Donnell, surrounded by curious local youth, concentrates on his subject. Some of his works may be seen on his website, www.paintingmissouri.com.
