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Improvement Projects Underway at Missouri State Capital  
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Workers are starting improvements at the Missouri Capitol and a nearby building that houses the state Supreme Court and attorney general's office.

The Jefferson City News Tribune reports the projects include repairs to some exterior steps at the state Capitol. The Supreme Court is to get a new heating and air conditioning system plus repairs to its cornice. In all, the projects are expected to cost more than \$1.5 million.

Falling pieces of cornice from the Supreme Court could hurt visitors or damage the building.

The Capitol steps are on the west side of the building, and visitors see them when arriving by highways to the north and east of Jefferson City. Senator Mike Kehoe, a Republican from Jefferson City, says crumbling steps give a poor impression.

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