

opportunity to be heard and submit to the Commission their reason for believing that the Commission should withhold the order permitting the things to be done under the application filed.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION.

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The State Roads Commission, consisting of three members appointed by the Governor, has direct control over the construction and maintenance of a system of highways throughout the State. The Commission also has authority over the building of "lateral" roads not included in the main or trunk line system. Plans and specifications are prepared, the contracts awarded, and the work of construction supervised by the State Roads Commission. The cost of "lateral" roads is shared equally by the State and Counties, the allotment of State funds to the counties being based upon road mileage. (Acts 1918, Chapter 224, Section 33.)

The system of trunk line roads, built and maintained entirely at the expense of the State, was authorized by the Legislature in 1908, and bond issues amounting to approximately \$28,000,000 have been authorized to and including the Legislature of 1922. (Acts 1908, Chapter 141.)

The Legislature of 1920 provided an appropriation of \$3,000,000, and the Legislature of 1922, \$3,150,000, to be used for the construction of rural post roads, lateral roads and the extension of the State road system, with the assistance of funds from the United States Government and the several counties of the State. The principal amount of these loans shall be paid upon the serial annuity plan, and all within fifteen years after the issuance thereof. (Acts 1920, Chapter 508—Acts 1922, Chapter 203.)

Funds for the maintenance of State highways are provided from the receipts of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles from license fees, etc. The last Legislature passed an Act to impose a tax of 2 cents per gallon on gasoline on and after January 1, 1924, in lieu of the present license fees or a part of same imposed on motor vehicles. (Acts 1922, Chapter 522.)

The following statement gives in condensed form the work accomplished by the State Roads Commission:

Total mileage completed roads to December 31, 1919.....	1,511.45
Mileage completed during 1920.....	154.64
Mileage completed during 1921.....	158.08
Total mileage completed roads to December 31, 1921.....	1,824.17
Total mileage concrete shoulders December 31, 1920.....	70.89
Mileage concrete shoulders completed during 1921.....	14.56
Total mileage concrete shoulders, December 31, 1921.....	85.45