

1 So the issue of whether the Board of Public Works
2 should be a constitutional agency or not is from the
3 standpoint of State policy, in our opinion, insignificant.
4 We really can't understand what the controversy is over
5 this item. The functions of the Board are now almost
6 completely under legislative control. Those functions can
7 be changed, transferred to another agency, or indeed,
8 abolished. The Committee was of the opinion that the
9 composition of the Board and its continued existence should
10 be under the control of the General Assembly.

11 The Board of Public Works is created by Article
12 XII of the present Constitution and is composed of the
13 Governor, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer. Under the
14 present Constitution the Comptroller is elected by the
15 people, and the Treasurer is appointed by the General
16 Assembly. Thus, neither of these two officials is respons-
17 ible to the Governor or in any manner under his control.

18 The Board of Public Works has, through the
19 process of statutory accretion, acquired substantial responsi-
20 bilities.

21 It has been assigned power by law to fix