

1 I submit, and I think this is fair that the
2 Majority, both in their arguments here and in their Report
3 and Memorandum have dealt in generalities as to the manner
4 in which the existence of an independent State Comptroller
5 or indeed the functioning of the Board of Public Works
6 has placed hobbles on the government, has reduced his
7 administrative powers. I have not heard of specific
8 instances of any such reduction in the power of the
9 Governor. You all heard a great many generalities but
10 nothing specific. The Minority feels that this plan which
11 has been in existence so long entailing an independent
12 Comptroller to handle the money of the State, to collect
13 it, to see that it is safely kept and to manage it has
14 been one of the best collectors we have had.

15 Indeed, the Governor would not be able, not have
16 the time to supervise the close supervision on the collec-
17 tion of the money and the management of it that an inde-
18 pendent Comptroller does have.

19 When the matter came up in New York, the New
20 York Times, when the matter came up I mean in connection
21 with the recent Constitutional Convention in New York,