

the Commission. The following are the principal improvements in procedure which the reorganized Commission has effected:

First. With regard to the multitude of compromise agreements of compensation claims, approval is being withheld except in a few meritorious cases, unless and until the contracting parties modify the terms and provide for the payment of settlement amounts in weekly installments rather than in lump sums.

Second. In all compromise agreements it is required that the claimant's lawyer set forth in the agreement his fee. The agreement is approved only when the matter of fee is adjusted to the Commission's satisfaction.

Third. The Commission has been undertaking a thorough overhauling of the practices and customs of the State Accident Fund, viz.: the following up of uncollectible bills; the assignment to its policyholders of carefully-selected doctors, and the subsequent weeding out of those particular doctors who were not qualified to do industrial surgery and whose practices, etc., were the subject of severe criticism by the Warnken Commission.

Fourth. The speeding up of trial work.

Fifth. The ferreting out of non-insurers, who did not carry Workmen's Compensation Insurance, and who were not qualified under the law as self-insurers, from those employers covered by this law, so as to undertake a thorough correction of the situation that now prevails, viz.: Many hundreds of Maryland employers have not complied with the law and would be unable to carry out awards of compensation made in favor of their injured workmen.

Sixth. Temporary payroll auditors and claim investigators were employed to enable the State Accident Fund to handle the claims against it on an intelligent and efficient basis, as well as to check the 2800 payrolls of its 2800 policyholders, which are submitted to it every four months, so that the rates charged can be promptly determined, thereby relieving the honest and accurate policy holder from bearing a disproportionate share of the premium liability.

Seventh. The Commission has effected a close cooperation with the Maryland Vocational Rehabilitation Service, so as to facilitate the rehabilitation of injured workmen who cannot return to their old jobs because of their major disability.

Eighth. The Commission is working on a comprehensive accident prevention program on a major scale. This is as vitally important as the payment of compensation to the injured workmen.

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