

State Accident Fund, no longer will have their claims passed upon by the quasi-judicial Commission, which theoretically, if not actually, has a stake in the outcome. Up to now the State Accident Fund has been, in a sense, a ward of the State Industrial Accident Commission. I consider that this separation is a distinct step forward.

Further evidence of the State Administration's desire to protect and safeguard our people in every way, is furnished by the safety conference being conducted today and tomorrow in Baltimore, under the direction of the State Industrial Accident Commission. We believe definitely that while it is our State responsibility to adequately compensate a worker who has been unfortunate enough to suffer the loss of some of his faculties, it is equally within the province of the State to prevent, if possible, accidents to those engaged in laborious work, by removing as far as possible the causes and reasons for such accidents. It is highly gratifying to note that labor has joined in these conferences and undoubtedly, the net result will be a safer state in which to carry on your daily occupation.