

I am, however, advised by the State Roads Commission that the road from the Confederate Monument to Point Lookout is now in good condition, and will be taken over and maintained by the Commission, and that they will arrange in the near future to construct the road from the Confederate Monument to Scotland Beach from their general funds.

(Chapter 283, House Bill 376)

This bill directs the State Roads Commission to take over and maintain the bridge over Tuckahoe Creek on the road leading from Denton to Easton on the boundary between Talbot and Caroline Counties.

This bridge is on an unimproved county road about half way between Denton and Easton. There is approximately six miles of unimproved county road on the Caroline side of the bridge, and approximately five miles of unimproved county road on the Talbot side. I can see no reason why a bridge should be taken over to the State when there is no State road leading to it from either side. When these county roads are made State roads, and are completed as such up to the bridge, then the bridge will be taken over by the State.

This bill will be vetoed.

#### EMPLOYMENT BY RACE TRACKS OF PERSONS NOT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Chapter 540, Senate Bill 390)

This bill prohibits the employment at any of the race tracks in the State of persons who are not citizens of the United States, except jockeys, trainers, managers, ticketroom men, sheet writers and calculators. The bill is admittedly aimed at Canadian citizens who customarily work at many of the race tracks in the country, including those in Maryland.

Personally, I favor the employment of Maryland men at the Maryland tracks to the full extent that this is practicable, but I cannot approve Senate Bill 390, because it clearly violates the Federal Constitution. It is in conflict with the 14th Amendment, which guarantees the equal protection of the laws. This has been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States in similar cases, *Truax vs. Reich*, 239 U. S. 33; *Yick Wo vs. Hopkins*, 118 U. S. 356; *Meyer vs. Nebraska*, 262 U. S. 390.