

ing of the department of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under the supervision of the State Roads Commission. The fact that the Goodnow Commission made this report and the reasons of the Commission have been published time and time again in the papers. I regret that I am unable to agree with the Commission in this respect. In my opinion the department of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is destined to be a very important one as a revenue producer to the State. The consolidation is opposed by the present Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who could have no self-interest, by the Automobile Club of the State and many others. There are in my opinion many reasons why this consolidation should not be made. According to all reports that we have had, this department has been run at less cost to the State practically than any other similar department.

If we are to continue road building I believe the State Roads Commission will have all they can attend to, and if we are not to continue road building I am in favor, and have had prepared a Bill, to abolish the State Roads Commission with the exception of a Road Engineer to keep up the maintenance of the roads which have been built.

I would add further that Bill consolidating these two departments was placed before the Legislature and that body failed to take favorable action after a full hearing.

A majority of the Goodnow Commission made a report advising the consolidation under the State Industrial Accident Commission of the Bureau of Statistics, the Ten Hour Law Bureau, the Steam Boiler Inspectors of Baltimore city, the Mine Inspectors of Allegany and Garrett counties and the Bureau of Immigration into one commission, while Judge James Alfred Pearce and Mr. Francis Neal Parke opposed this commission, but advised the consolidation of the other departments of labor outside of the State Industrial Accident Board.

The report of the Goodnow Commission as to this consolidation and the recommendations of Messrs. Pearce and Parke have been duly published, if not in full, certainly in substance. I understand, likewise, that this consolidation was opposed by the State Industrial Accident Commission itself, and I further understand from that body that they have all now that they can possibly do; and, furthermore, the reasons given by Judge Pearce and Mr. Parke have been to me most convincing. Therefore, I had the Attorney-General prepare a Bill, which has been introduced into the Legislature, providing for the consolidation of all the labor departments outside