

ROADS AND BRIDGES—CONSTRUCTION, ETC.—  
OVERSEER SHOULD NOT BE MEMBER BOARD  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Tallahassee, Fla., January 6, 1917.

Dear Sir :

I have your communication of January 2, and in reply beg to advise that the construction, alteration or repair of roads and bridges in this State, under the provisions of Section 2, of Chapter 6537, Acts of 1913, is entirely in the discretion of the boards of county commissioners in this State, and, in view of this provision, could be constructed by contract or otherwise.

Section 851 of the General Statutes of Florida was amended by Sections 4 and 6, of Chapter 6537, Acts of 1913, and Section 852 of the General Statutes was amended by Section 5, of Chapter 6537, Acts of 1913.

In view of these statutes and the several other statutes prescribing the duties and powers of boards of county commissioners in this State, I do not think that it would be advisable for such boards to employ their members as road overseers.

The Attorney General is not authorized to officially advise in matters of this kind. This is merely to assist you in arriving at a proper conclusion in the premises, which I shall take pleasure in doing at any time.

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,  
Attorney General.