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## COMPETITION POSITIVELY ASSURED

### Contractors to Have Chance to Bid on Proposed Highways.

In reply to an inquiry from the relative Good Roads Committee as to what its policy would be in the matter of awarding contracts for road construction if the pending road bond should be approved by the voters at the June election, the State Highway Commission issued the following statement:

"We recognize the propriety of your inquiry and therefore hereby authorize you on our behalf to say that this commission, at a public meeting held in Portland on this date, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas there exists in the public mind an impression that undue profits have heretofore been made by paving contractors in Oregon,

"Be it resolved that it will be the policy of the Highway Commission to call for bids on all standard types of pavement in open and fair competition and to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder who will be required to give a good and sufficient guarantee for the permanency of his work.

"Be it further resolved that in the event no satisfactory bid can be obtained the Highway Commission will proceed to do the work itself by force account after the purchase and installation of its own paving plant."

"The above resolution is intended as a frank statement to the public of what our policy will be. If there is anything which is not fully covered it is due to an oversight on our part and not due to any desire to evade any issue or question.

"We may summarize our plans as follows: We shall demand and endeavor to acquire for the state full value for every dollar of public money expended. If the bond issue is adopted we shall so far as possible, commence work in every county in which work is to be done at the earliest possible moment. We shall not favor one county or locality over another, but will, to the best of our ability, be fair to the various sections of the state."

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