

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the transcript of proceedings of the council and other officers of the city of Lorain, relative to the above bond issue, and find the same regular and in conformity with the provisions of the General Code.

I am of the opinion that said bonds, drawn in accordance with the legislation authorizing their issuance, will, upon delivery, constitute valid and binding obligations of said city.

Respectfully,
 JOHN G. PRICE,
Attorney-General.

2410.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF MARION IN AMOUNT OF \$48,913 FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 9, 1921.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

2411.

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS—FORCE ACCOUNT MAY BE FOLLOWED IN CONSTRUCTION, RE-CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF BRIDGES BY COUNTY—COMPETITIVE BIDDING PLAN ALSO PROVIDED—LATTER SYSTEM RECOMMENDED—SEE ALSO ENSUING OPINION NO. 2412, SEPTEMBER 10, 1921—FORCE ACCOUNT.

1. *In the construction or re-construction, as well as the repair, of a bridge by a county, the method commonly known as force account may be followed, whatever may be the estimated cost of the project,—that is to say, that under sections 7200 and 7214, G. C., the county commissioners may purchase the necessary machinery, tools, equipment and materials, and under section 7198 G. C. authorize the county surveyor to employ the necessary teams and labor; or the commissioners may, by virtue of the last named section, authorize the county surveyor to purchase the materials, lease the implements and tools and employ the labor necessary for the project. (Opinions Attorney-General 1917, Vol. III, p. 2332; and 1918, Vol. I, p. 459, not followed in so far as they hold that there is a distinction between construction and repair.)*

2. *Said sections 7198, 7200 and 7214 do not repeal by implication sections 2343 to 2361, G. C. providing among other things for the construction and repair of bridges upon the competitive bidding plan. The two groups of sections provide distinct methods of bridge construction and repair; and when one group is resorted to for procedure, it must be followed to the exclusion of the other.*

3. *It is recommended that public authorities follow the competitive bidding*