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# ADVOCATES SPECIAL RIVER COMMISSION

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WOULD HANDLE IMPROVEMENT WORK.

**Williams Contends That Big Project Could Be Carried Out More Efficiently.**

A permanent commission to have charge of the inter-county river improvement until the job is completed is

The suggestion that is being advanced by a commission, Williams of Pierce county, is that the inter-county river improvement of the river and the expenditure of the money appropriated amounting to \$2,000,000 a year for six years, should be taken out of the hands of the boards of commissioners of Pierce and King counties. "A capable commission directing its energies to the work would be of ten times more value to the counties than the present method," Williams stated, in the commissioners' office yesterday. At present the boards of the counties change; a new set of men go into office knowing little of the progress of the work, and the result is difference of opinion and a constant unsettled aspect toward eternal plans."

### Reason for King's Opposition.

Williams says the reason the King board is hanging back against his endeavors to have the work made permanent by placing concrete retaining walls down both banks of the new Puyallup river bed is that the work done in King along the Stuck is practically all concrete and of a permanent type. Of course they are willing, when we get over into Pierce county, to see the old cheap type of plank or pile jetties put in.

The Pierce commissioner, although admitting that to make the work permanent would require an expense of about \$1,000,000 in addition to the \$1,500,000 already provided, says a large part of the money expended will be wasted unless provision is made for permanent construction.

"Wouldn't it be better to spend another million and have the work there for all time than to expend \$1,500,000 understanding that we will have to keep adding to it in the future?" he asks.