The controlling question is whether or not there is a valid claim for wages as defined by the Act. If there is a valid claim for wages, then the Commissioner of Labor can accept assignments of wages regardless of whether or not the claimant himself severed the relationship of employer and employee.

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS:
The Indiana Architectural Act—Right of Board to make and amend rules and regulations.

April 17, 1941.

Indiana State Board of Registration for Architects,
Mrs. Helen Keating, Secretary,
State House,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sirs:

I have before me your request for my opinion, dated April 10th, and reading as follows:

"At the meeting of the Indiana State Board of Registration for Architects on April 8th, it was decided that the Board respectfully request an opinion from you as to whether or not this Board has the power and authority to make changes in the rules and regulations of the Board."

The answer to your question depends upon the authority, if any, vested in your Board to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations in connection with the administration of the duties of your Board.

Sec. 2 of Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1929, which is "The Indiana Architectural Act" creates the "Board of Registration for Architects." Sec. 3 of said Act defines the powers of said Board and provides, among other things, as follows: "Subject to the approval of the council the Board is hereby authorized to make such by-laws and prescribe and promulgate such rules as may be deemed necessary in the performance of its duty."

Power to make rules and regulations relating to the planning, construction and alteration of buildings is lodged in "The Administrative Building Council of Indiana," created by
Chapter 64, Section 1, Acts of 1923, which is the council referred to in the quotation next preceding. Accordingly, the Board of Registration for Architects would have no power to adopt and prescribe rules and regulations in connection with the actual construction and alteration of buildings.

It is noted, however, that the Board is specifically authorized to adopt such rules "as may be deemed necessary in the performance of its duty." Its principal purpose is to register architects, to examine and otherwise determine the fitness of applicants for a certificate of registration as an architect and to refuse renewal of certificates and to revoke certificates already granted for statutory cause.

It, then, has the power to adopt any rules and regulations in connection with these duties that it may deem necessary, subject only to the approval of the council as aforesaid. This power is a continuing power vested in the Board. Having the power to make these rules it may thereafter alter, amend, supplement, supersede or repeal them as it may deem necessary in the discharge of its duties.

The answer to your question is then in the affirmative.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:
Adoption of text books. Advice concerning.

April 18, 1941.

Dr. Clement T. Malan,
State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
State House,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Malan:

We have your request of April 14, 1941, for an opinion relative to the status of the Board of Department of Education after May 1, 1941. In your letter you ask for the following information:

"1. Will the present Board be the legal Board on May 1, 1941?

"2. If I call together the present Board on May 1 to open bids, which are to be received up to 10:00 A. M. on May 1, am I legally entitled to proceed with this