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by the Everglades National Park Commission in close interlocking co-operation, to the end that all economies will be subserved to the advantage of both and that the Everglades National Project will be hastened on with all possible speed.

Also the setting aside of federal possessions by proclamation of the President.

Required of the State of Florida.

To acquire the lands that are not federal lands. To do this places upon the State a big responsibility. In the carrying out of which its success is in big measure dependent upon close co-operation with and rendering of all possible assistance on the part of the Federal Government.

Florida has accepted this responsibility and has to date created the following Acts:

- Commissions with authority to acquire Park lands.
- Contributions of State lands (about 700,000 acres).
- Contribution of Indian lands (97,000 acres).
- Lands acquired by State in exchange for private lands.

The big task now before the State Commission is the acquisition of private lands. To perform this requires the preparation of abstracts of title of these lands that ownership can be determined. Further, these abstracts will be required as evidence of authority on the part of the State, when the State cedes the Park lands to the government.

The Commission is well along with this abstract of title work. It has reached a stage with this work where it is reasonable to ask for federal co-operation to the end that not only will the work be expedited, but through this co-operation between the Federal Government and the State, these abstracts of title will be so compiled as to not only meet the