

answered that he thought the railroads were amply supplied to handle all of the oil needs of the country. You would not have to wait any length of time if the railroads can take it.

Mr. CULKIN. If that is true, why are we going to be short in the Northeast 8,000,000 tons of coal this winter?

The CHAIRMAN. Because the railroads have not the equipment.

Mr. CULKIN. That is just it. And we are going to get about two-thirds of the supply necessary of fuel oil. The curious thing about it is that these bureaucrats say that we should change over to coal, that we are not going to get enough oil, and then they say in the same breath that we are short 8,000,000 tons of coal and that grates are on the priority list and we cannot get any.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I have been impressed with the statement made by the Governor of Florida, in the last few hours, to the effect that there is plenty of oil on the Gulf coast of Florida available or in barges ready to be unloaded, but with no place to put it. Those barges are standing there idle because they cannot unload them and then go back and get more oil. We have water facilities from Jacksonville north to move that oil. Why on earth cannot the Government, the Army or the Navy, the President, the O. P. M., or somebody, get some cars and shuttle back and forth about 100 miles from the Gulf coast to Jacksonville, and move that oil, and bring it up here, where they need it? I do not know much about transportation, of course—

The CHAIRMAN. We have to get somebody besides the Governor of Florida who knows that the barges are there.

Mr. PETERSON. Certainly that is a physical fact that anybody can determine, and I do not think the Governor of Florida would make such a statement, if it were not so.

Mr. CULKIN. I understood the Governor made the statement that there were lots of barges down there, and when the Petroleum Co-ordinator looked the matter up, they found eight somewhat dilapidated and not very seaworthy.

Mr. PETERSON. Well, I have a great deal of confidence in the integrity of the Governor of Florida.

Mr. CULKIN. I think he was mistaken that time.

Mr. PETERSON. Why could not we start these barges moving right now and bring that oil to the closest point, Jacksonville, and then get some facilities to bring it on up here where they need it? That looks to me just like common sense, and a good move on our part if we really want more oil. Of course, it may be true that it is a fine thing to cut down on the use of oil in order to save other vital material. But you gentlemen know more about that than I do.

Mr. GREEN. General, for the record, you do favor the immediate beginning of the pipe line and the barge canal to connect that up?

General REYBOLD. Right.

Mr. DONDERO. General, the proposed route of this barge line would not follow the same route designated for the ship canal that was proposed?

General REYBOLD. Yes, sir; it would.

Mr. DONDERO. It would follow the same route?

General REYBOLD. Yes, sir.