

barrels more per day over the present movement. So, if the rails can move 800,000 barrels a day, and 200,000 can be moved by additional arrangement of pipe lines going north, by hooking up different lines with each other, you would have about 1,000,000 barrels which would still leave us 600,000 barrels to be moved in some other way.

Mr. CULKIN. There are many of these pipe lines out of use now, are there not?

Colonel THOMPSON. No; they are all being used more or less when there is something to be moved.

Mr. CULKIN. Some of that pipe line in Texas might be transferred to Florida; is not that possible?

Colonel THOMPSON. Yes, sir; that is possible and it is being done in other districts through the West.

Mr. CULKIN. Would you have enough available pipe line there now not needed or used to take care of this pipe line which is needed in Florida?

Colonel THOMPSON. It would depend upon the size of the pipe used. I happen to know an official of a pipe company that told me this morning that they had 183 miles of 8-inch pipe that they were ready to transport from Texas to Florida and they could have it in by the end of 120 days. That is an 8-inch line with a capacity of 40,000 or 50,000 barrels of gasoline a day.

Mr. CULKIN. I think the Chief Engineer spoke about a 24-inch pipe line.

Colonel THOMPSON. That would have to be built. There is no pipe line like that in our State. That is the very large pipe line we ask to be constructed, but you asked about old pipe?

Mr. CULKIN. Yes.

Colonel THOMPSON. The old pipe is smaller than that. The pipe I have reference to here, in answer to your question, is 8-inch pipe, and this pipe-line company, the American Liberty Pipeline Co. has 160 miles to 183 miles of pipe that they say they can take up and move and relay it and have it in operation in 120 days, and these are their estimates of the whole operation.

Mr. CULKIN. At what cost?

Colonel THOMPSON. At a cost of \$3,389,264, according to their estimate. They simply told me that if that question was asked that they would be glad to move their line.

The CHAIRMAN. Where is the line located now?

Colonel THOMPSON. From east Texas down to the Gulf. Many of these lines have been hauling oil from the oil fields to the Gulf coast, to the coast storage which is full, and they cannot haul any more there, and that is the reason they are idle.

The CHAIRMAN. They have no place to store it?

Colonel THOMPSON. No, sir; they have no place to store it; they are already full.

Mr. DONDERO. Do you know anything about a pipe line from Pittsburgh to the Atlantic coast line?

Colonel THOMPSON. No, sir; I just know about lines in Texas only, and not too much about that.

The CHAIRMAN. I will state, Mr. Dondero, that a gentleman from the Interior Department will be here tomorrow with that information.