

Mr. CULKIN. It is more than that. What is the total of those disbursements?

Mr. PENNINGTON. Nearly \$30,000,000 a year.

Mr. CULKIN. That is used in pulling the wool over the public's eyes.

Mr. PENNINGTON. Is there any reason why the commission in a Texas town way out beyond the Cinch River should hold a hearing and condemn the canal, which does not have anything to do with it?

Mr. CULKIN. Do you think the public will get wise to this iniquitous performance after awhile?

Mr. PENNINGTON. Let me tell you something. In 1933, when we had this great oil surplus in east Texas, I came up on the bills designed to control it. Texas controls it right now. I got on the train in Washington and started back to Texas. I bought a newspaper in the first town. They had in that newspaper all about hot-oil towns in Texas. All the way back I bought papers at different towns about the little fellows running hot oil.

Mr. CULKIN. Yes.

Mr. PENNINGTON. That is the perfect relations with the public.

Mr. CULKIN. The press control of the virgin daughter of liberty?

Mr. PENNINGTON. Yes.

Mr. CULKIN. Sometimes it amounts to seduction of the virgin daughter of liberty?

Mr. PENNINGTON. Now, there was not one word said in that about who was buying the oil that the little fellow was running.

Gentlemen, in concluding this, being familiar with these canals, about the question of moving barges you have the information in the Coast and Geodetic Survey charts. Those are navigation charts. They are very correct. And the captain furnished his file of them. You can form your opinion as to the waters here. It is shallow here, but up here it gets rather rapid coming off the shore. But in here the water is shallow coming off here.

I sailed there in a fog with a radio beacon, and I know the water is shallow because I have run aground several times.

Mr. CULKIN. Do you not get a good deal of westerly wind there at times?

Mr. PENNINGTON. Yes; a wind and sea current both.

Mr. CULKIN. From the Texas coast or from the south or southwest?

Mr. PENNINGTON. No. They change. In coming in here the current sweeps in here westward, you see.

Mr. CULKIN. What are the prevailing winds there in that neck of water there? Do they come up from the southwest or west?

Mr. PENNINGTON. The winds?

Mr. CULKIN. Do the winds come up in that neck of the water from the southwest or west?

Mr. PENNINGTON. No. Those are the trade winds. They are constant. Of course, they change occasionally.

Mr. CULKIN. Those do not blow much harder than 10 miles an hour?

Mr. PENNINGTON. No.

Mr. CULKIN. So the most of the time they would be negligible so far as Mr. Rankin's wind theory is concerned?