

Mr. ALLEN. Well suppose we put in a 10-inch line and it is used exclusively for light products such as domestic heating oil, you might get 50,000 to 60,000 barrels a day; and if you had another pipe line of 8 inches for example for gasoline, that might run around 40,000 barrels a day, that would make a probable total of 90,000 to 100,000 barrels daily, which would entail a like demand for barge transportation with equipment at the delivery end.

Mr. CULKIN. May I ask this question: Is there any complication regarding priorities in getting this pipe line that you know of?

Mr. ALLEN. Well there are serious difficulties in obtaining any pipe because of munitions and absolute military essential needs.

Mr. CULKIN. Have you had any definite experience in that line, trying to get priority allowed?

Mr. ALLEN. I have; yes; that is a part of my particular job.

Mr. CULKIN. Yes.

Mr. ALLEN. I have had several recent occasions where priorities have been denied because of the greater demands which Major Parkins will give you.

Mr. CULKIN. The railroads have opposed the granting of priority?

Mr. ALLEN. Not to my knowledge; I have not heard of it.

Mr. CULKIN. Who has opposed it?

Mr. ALLEN. There is no opposition, as I understand it, at all. On the contrary, the members of the War Production Board, who are charged with the responsibility of allocating steel are just as regretful as they can be that they cannot allot steel for all uses.

Mr. CULKIN. I know; they refuse to give priority; is that it?

Mr. ALLEN. Yes.

Mr. CULKIN. And they shed "crocodile tears" when they tell you you cannot have it.

Mr. ALLEN. They are quite sad about it sometimes.

Mr. CULKIN. But they do not grant it.

Mr. RANKIN. What is the capacity of that line——

Mr. CULKIN. Just a moment, Mr. Rankin. You gave us a background, I believe, of service with Continental Oil Co.

Mr. ALLEN. I was with the old Continental Oil Co., which was formerly in Colorado and California, prior to 1929.

Mr. CULKIN. And you had some service in Canada.

Mr. ALLEN. Yes.

Mr. CULKIN. How long were you there?

Mr. ALLEN. About a year. I was called up there at the beginning, soon after the beginning of the war.

Mr. CULKIN. Yes.

Mr. ALLEN. And I was called down here after the war developed.

Mr. CULKIN. How long have you been in this field of work?

Mr. ALLEN. I started in the oil business up here in West Virginia in 1916.

Mr. CULKIN. And you have been continuously in the business since?

Mr. ALLEN. Except for 3 years that I was in the steel business.

The CHAIRMAN. You are a native of West Virginia, are you?

Mr. ALLEN. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I happen to be one myself.

Mr. ALLEN. We have a community of interest, I believe.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Rankin.