

Kentucky produced 12,000 barrels a day and Indiana 16,000 barrels. Then you are getting close to Pennsylvania. It is one of the oil-producing States.

Mr. CULKIN. How much is that?

Mr. RANKIN. I was looking for Pennsylvania here. It is 47,000 barrels a day.

Mr. GREEN. How about Illinois?

Mr. RANKIN. All right; Illinois is producing 350,000 barrels a day. So you are going right into an area already supplied.

Mr. JOHNS. Do those quantities supply those States for all their own needs?

The CHAIRMAN. No, indeed.

Mr. RANKIN. I do not know whether they do or not, but I doubt if they supply the entire area. I should think Illinois supplied herself.

The CHAIRMAN. Illinois has a very large consumption.

Mr. RANKIN. Yes; I know Illinois has a very large consumption. But even if it takes more than that for local consumption, you could not ship enough oil up that way to possibly take care of any Atlantic seaboard demands.

Mr. ALEXANDER. It would be hard to do that with that current.

Mr. RANKIN. It would ascend the Mississippi and the Ohio Rivers for two or three thousand miles, and by the time you come to Pittsburgh, Pa., you would be, in the first place, going through two or three big producing oil States, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Mr. CULKIN. You say to Pittsburgh?

Mr. RANKIN. And you would be going up the stream every foot of the way, and the excess cost on your fuel would be tremendous. And then when you got to Pittsburgh you would still be some distance from the Atlantic seaboard.

Mr. PITTINGER. There is a pipe line from there.

Mr. RANKIN. Probably that pipe line is filled already.

Another thing, a great deal of this oil, as I understand it, is going to Europe—I mean to England—and it is being used in our war effort. You would not be getting much closer by taking it all the way up the Mississippi River and the Ohio than you would to leave it in New Orleans?

Mr. PITTINGER. No.

Mr. RANKIN. And it would seem to me that we should build these pipe lines and also build this barge line. I think they are going to be necessary. The war may last for 20 years. Even if it should end tomorrow I think we still need this waterway.

Mr. DONDERO. We can lose this war unless it is there ready for use.

Mr. RANKIN. And you would be adding nothing whatever by taking it up the Mississippi River.

Mr. DONDERO. The truth about it is they are shipping 175,000 up it today. If a pipe line is laid to the sea coast, would not that serve the purpose?

Mr. RANKIN. And you are adding, of course, what is being used in Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky?

Mr. DONDERO. There is no reason not to build a pipe line.

Mr. RANKIN. You have to build a pipe line.

Mr. DONDERO. Why not build a pipe line down there?

Mr. RANKIN. We might just as well build another one.