

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Moore is one of the old timers here. I think probably Judge Mansfield and I were the only two members of the committee who served with you in Congress.

The CHAIRMAN. You mean the only two on this committee.

Mr. RANKIN. Yes; I think we are the only 2 on this committee. I think probably there are not more than 20 left altogether.

You not only look younger from having lived down in that country, but you probably have voted the Democratic ticket also.

Mr. MOORE. Yes; I have. I think, so far as the association is concerned that I have the honor to represent, we are in favor of all methods of transportation. We have no fight against the Florida canal or the St. Lawrence project. They are all vital.

Mr. RANKIN. But you are for this canal across Florida?

Mr. MOORE. Absolutely, as the quickest method in this emergency.

Mr. RANKIN. In other words, the pipe line, while it will probably carry a given amount of oil and gasoline at this time, would not aid the problem?

Mr. MOORE. Only partially.

Mr. RANKIN. Because some of the things it could not carry.

Mr. MOORE. And the other fact is when the barge canal is constructed, not only could it make deck loads to the north, but they can bring materials to the Gulf coast which are decidedly and sorely needed there.

Mr. RANKIN. Thank you, Mr. Moore.

Mr. MILLER. I would like for you now to hear a few words from Judge M. A. Childers, of San Antonio, who also represents the Oil Emergency Transportation Committee, and who appears in behalf of a number of independent operators in southwest Texas. Judge Childers told us the other day how some of these independent operators are being affected, and I thought possibly that angle might be of interest to the committee.

Judge Childers of San Antonio, Tex.

#### STATEMENT OF JUDGE A. M. CHILDERS, REPRESENTING THE EMERGENCY OIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF TEXAS

Mr. CHILDERS. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, Mr. Miller asked me to make this brief statement with reference to the economic phases involved in south Texas.

Our Emergency Oil Transportation Committee is composed of a number of oil men in southwest Texas. Mr. Pennington, who gave such illuminating testimony yesterday, is a member of that committee.

With reference to the small, independent operators, they are feeling the economic backfire very keenly, and the particular incident, which Mr. Miller asked me to relate to you is this:

Two men discovered oil, and by the slow process of boring on what they had extended their holdings until they had a number of oil wells. They obtained loans from the bank, and from an insurance company based on the normal allowables under the system of monthly allowables, which was explained by Colonel Thompson yesterday. Their potentials were approved by geologists, the bank committee, and the insurance committee approved their loans based on the normal allowance.