

and even after it was finally passed, there would probably be weeks or months of delay. If you pass this bill, with respect to which the state of emergency has been demonstrated, quick action could probably be taken. In this connection, I want to say that I am also enthusiastically and heartily in favor of the earliest possible passage of the omnibus rivers and harbors bill.

(Thereupon, the committee took a recess until 2 p. m., this day.)

#### AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed its session at 2 p. m., upon the expiration of the recess.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order. Mr. Miller, you may proceed.

MR. MILLER. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I would like to have noted in the record the presence at this hearing of Mr. C. S. C. Holland, of Houston, Tex., president of the Intracoastal Association of Louisiana and Texas. Mr. Holland has been president of that organization for 37 years, and I would like to have the record show that, of course, the association strongly endorses the bill now before your committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Holland cannot be here this afternoon?

MR. MILLER. He is leaving for home.

The CHAIRMAN. Does he want to file a written brief or statement?

MR. MILLER. I think not, Mr. Chairman. I think we can assume that our association, by its record and its very existence, is for this bill.

The CHAIRMAN. I had better make an announcement about Major Parten. We expected to have him here this afternoon, but he is tied up with the Coal Commission and begged off until tomorrow morning, and I agreed that he appear and make his statement when the hearing continues tomorrow.

MR. MILLER. I think, Mr. Chairman, we can practically complete our case this afternoon. We have not very many more witnesses from Texas. Of course, there are a number here, I understand, from Florida and other interested States.

I want to present now a prominent businessman and independent oil operator of Texas, former president of the Independent Oil Association of Texas, a man who is very well informed in reference to all phases of the oil industry—Mr. E. B. Germany, of Dallas.

#### STATEMENT OF E. B. GERMANY, DALLAS, TEX.

MR. GERMANY. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I represent a group of independent oil royalty owners of Texas, and am chairman of the committee known as the Transportation Emergency Committee for that group of oil men.

At a meeting in Dallas sometime in February the independent oil men went on record as believing that some urgent need faced them for a method to get their oil to the Atlantic seaboard. So they called a mass meeting, and at that mass meeting they appointed a committee to make a study of all the various possibilities for moving oil to the Atlantic seaboard. I was made chairman of that committee and we employed some assistants from some transportation authorities and studied all the proposed methods for moving oil; and as representing