

that the proponents of this bill propose it as a panacea. We do nothing of the kind. It will take all of these various means and measures and remedies, and we do not propose this bill in opposition to or in competition with any other proposal.

The CHAIRMAN. In fact, all of them combined will not be a panacea.

Mr. MILLER. That has been the testimony presented before this committee.

Mr. BEITER. May I say, in reference to the quotation from the Associated Press dispatch concerning the decline in the number of barrels of gasoline and oil, that there are communities governed by the law of supply and demand, because in a number of areas possibly the number of barrels shipped into those areas has declined as a result of the demand.

Mr. RANKIN. No; it is the other way around: The scarcity has created the rationing.

Mr. BEITER. I know our automobiles are using plenty of gasoline, and they have the tanks, but they cannot sell the gasoline.

Mr. CULKIN. I want to state to the gentleman that he is living in a motor's paradise. In my part of the country, under the Puritan Rationing Rules it is difficult to get down to town from home. It is true they have no tires, and the fact is that we are about to be denuded of transportation in our part of the country. The gentleman is not in a rationing territory, and we are. That is the difference.

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Chairman, I think it was testified to when the gentleman from New York was not here, by several witnesses who are in position to know that the reserve supplies of fuel oil and gasoline, by reason of inadequate transportation, are gradually but surely being depleted, and I think this statement is confirmatory of that unfortunate fact.

Mr. BEITER. Unfortunately, Mr. Miller, we hear and read so many conflicting statements in the press. The Christian Science Monitor carries an entirely different story.

Mr. CULKIN. I would like to have the gentleman come in and peruse my mail.

Mr. BEITER. I cannot even peruse my own satisfactorily.

Mr. CULKIN. You will change your viewpoint very shortly.

The gentleman's section is in full flower so far as gasoline is concerned. We do not get any except under the rationing system, and the rules have been applied most rigorously, and there are very few tires.

Mr. BEITER. I am hoping that we will have a surplus of gasoline in my district so we can furnish what you are denied.

Mr. CULKIN. I think you have got too much; as a matter of fact, I think more than you are entitled to, and I have stated that in the record.

Mr. MILLER. As you know, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we have an important witness this morning who doubtless will give the committee some very interesting and valuable information.

Before presenting him, I would like to present two witnesses for brief statements, possibly not more than 2 or 3 minutes each. The first is Representative Lindley Beckworth, of east Texas, in whose district is located the greatest oil field in the world.

The CHAIRMAN. We will be glad to hear you, Congressman.