

we will explore the problem involved. This original project was a pipe line 1,050 miles in length, extending from north Texas, in the Wichita County area, including Willbarger County, Archer County, and so forth, and extending on through those counties, through the east Texas field, and then on through Louisiana and Mississippi, and thence to Savannah, Ga. It is the shortest line that can be built to link a substantial portion of our oil resources with the Atlantic coast. That line traverses, for its first link, from Wichita County, Tex., through Mississippi—

Mr. PITTENGER. Where is Wichita County? Suppose you indicate that on the map.

Mr. SHINKLE. That is in north Texas, on the Red River, which is between Texas and Oklahoma. Twenty-two percent of the total petroleum reserves of this country lie in this area. That area has been somewhat at a disadvantage. It has a normal production of approximately 800,000 barrels a day. They are at a little disadvantage because they are 200 to 400 miles from the Gulf, where they are blanketed by the Gulf production, and to the north they go up against the Illinois and Kansas production.

The CHAIRMAN. This pipe line would provide them with an outlet?

Mr. SHINKLE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Where?

Mr. SHINKLE. There is about 150,000-barrel local refinery capacity in north Texas. Some portion would go north and some portion south to the Gulf.

Mr. DONDERO. This is a proposed line?

Mr. SHINKLE. Yes, sir; for national defense. Back some years ago we clearly foresaw or anticipated the situation that exists today with respect to the petroleum supply on the Atlantic seaboard.

Mr. PETERSON. The line that was discussed yesterday was a proposed pipe line?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. CULKIN. I do not know where this line would go.

The CHAIRMAN. Suppose you indicate the location of the line on the map.

Mr. WALKER. It starts in the northern tier of counties in Texas and goes down through Arkansas, across Mississippi, across Alabama, and across Georgia to Savannah. Then there will be a branch line running to Charleston, or to the navy yard there, to supply them with the necessary fuel oil.

Mr. RANKIN. What is the difference between the length of this proposed line and the length of the line that was proposed here yesterday?

Mr. SHINKLE. The line discussed yesterday was 1,400 miles. This has a length of 1,050 miles. However, we are viewing it from several standpoints. For instance, in the emergency, there are certain elements that must be considered: One is time, another is material, another is utility, and another is strategy. As for time, which is a No. 1 element, if this line had been built last year when presented, it would have been in operation since the first of the year, and would have delivered over 10,000,000 barrels of crude oil to the east coast.

Mr. DONDERO. Would this line serve the Mississippi oil field which has recently been discovered?

Mr. SHINKLE. I am coming to that now. From the standpoint of time, this is a line that can be built within the shortest possible time.