

Mr. DONDERO. What is the estimated cost of this proposed line?

Mr. SHINKLE. From the Tinsley field, extending 600 miles, the cost would be about \$12,000,000, and it could be built in less than 90 days, depending on the number of contractors you put on the job.

Mr. PETERSON. Is there any second-hand pipe that you could use?

Mr. SHINKLE. No, sir.

Mr. PETERSON. How much steel would be required for the construction of this pipe line?

Mr. SHINKLE. Around 49,000 tons. The entire project would take approximately 70,000 tons, or less than 2 percent of the total steel-pipe production of 1941.

Mr. ANGELL. Mr. Chairman, does the question of the location of pipe lines come within the jurisdiction of this committee?

The CHAIRMAN. No.

Mr. PETERSON. Except as it ties in with inland waterways. They propose to have a terminal on the Atlantic seaboard, or possibly, two terminals, one being near Savannah. The Navy Department has recently greatly expanded activities at Charleston, and both of those points would tie in with the barge line on the inland waterways.

Mr. CULKIN. As I understand it, the committee has jurisdiction over the pipe line as an aid to the waterways for this transportation.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. SMITH. And that is the case here.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. RANKIN. In case that pipe line is not built, do you favor a pipe line across the State of Florida?

Mr. SHINKLE. Yes, sir; to link the Gulf coast waterways with the Atlantic coast waterways in this movement of oil. It will take several projects to handle it. What we are trying to accomplish, also, is the conservation of capital. We have been told that in war money does not count, but, at the same time, if you are to provide these facilities, you will have to fight with money.

Mr. RANKIN. What depth do you have in the Mississippi River from Vicksburg south?

Mr. SHINKLE. There is ample depth.

Mr. RANKIN. There is ample depth to carry these barges that are used on these intracoastal waterways.

Mr. SHINKLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. RANKIN. In other words, you would have a pipe line and a barge line all the way from the Tinsley oil field, near Vicksburg or Yazoo City?

Mr. SHINKLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. RANKIN. You would have a pipe line and barge line from the Tinsley oil field to connect with this Florida pipe line?

Mr. SHINKLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. RANKIN. That would be how many miles from the Tinsley oil field? Would you go down the Mississippi River?

Mr. SHINKLE. No, sir; we are carrying it right on through to Savannah, Ga.

Mr. RANKIN. Suppose that line is built and the other one is not, would you then use the Florida pipe line?

Mr. SHINKLE. So far as this particular oil is concerned, we have intended to carry this particular oil from north Texas straight through to the coast.