

Mr. SPRINGER. Do you say, then, that the Commissioners have violated their oath of office?

Mr. MORGAN. I would not put it that strongly.

Mr. SPRINGER. How strong would you put it in your own words?

Mr. MORGAN. I do not think such actions produce good regulation or good administration, and I disapprove of them. I don't wish to go farther. You can't make black or white judgments in an issue of this kind. But it is my firm conviction that this is why the Commission did what it did. And Mr. Ross and I dissented from their actions.

Mr. SPRINGER. Now, Mr. Morgan, would you say that the other Commissioners on the Federal Power Commission—again using your words—are just ordinary men?

Mr. MORGAN. No. That question was asked of me yesterday, and I refused to answer it, and explained why.

Mr. SPRINGER. Just a moment; let me finish my question.

Would you say that the other Commissioners on the Federal Power Commission are just ordinary men, or have you found them to be men of ability, character, courage, and broad vision?

Mr. MORGAN. I described my colleagues yesterday, I thought, in accurate words which reflect my high regard and even affection—

Mr. SPRINGER. I cannot hear you, Mr. Morgan.

Mr. MORGAN. I am sorry. I said that I had described my colleagues yesterday in words which I intended to convey my high personal regard for them. I would like to quote it to you.

Mr. SPRINGER. Just in general terms tell me.

Mr. MORGAN. I would like to make it specific.

I said yesterday:

My colleagues are able, honest, conscientious men, and further, they are men whose company I enjoy, and for whom I have formed a genuine personal fondness. And this includes all of them. I cannot and will not make derogatory comments about them. And I am very sorry that my letter to the President has been misinterpreted by those who have sought to make a sensational thing out of it.

Mr. SPRINGER. Would you describe yourself, Mr. Morgan, as an ordinary man?

Mr. MORGAN. Yes; I would. I try very hard to do the things I think extraordinary men would do if they were in my position. But I do not flatter myself—and I have made this plain before—that I am in the category of the men whose names I listed in my letter to the President and who were, I think, great public servants and regulators.

Mr. SPRINGER. You say you put yourself in that same category?

Mr. MORGAN. I say, I could not put myself in that category. And yesterday I was very explicit on that point.

Mr. SPRINGER. Then you shouldn't be on the Commission, even by your own judgment.

Mr. MORGAN. I will tell you, Mr. Springer, that I had serious misgivings about my capacity to master the technical, legal, economic, engineering, and other facets of this work when I came here. No honest man can be without some doubts as to his capacity, and I have mine.

Mr. SPRINGER. This takes men of extraordinary skill, does it not?

Mr. MORGAN. Pardon?