

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Chairman, I don't think this clarifies the matter for the committee.

What happened as a result of that fight? Were you brought in to court?

Mr. MORGAN. I was brought before a justice of the peace.

Mr. SPRINGER. What did he find?

Mr. MORGAN. He was not a lawyer, so perhaps you won't agree with his finding. I explained the circumstances, and this seemed to puzzle the justice of the peace. So he went out in the hall with a State policeman, and after a conference out there, he came back and asked me, "Did your employer ask you to take that man off his back?"

And I said, "No; the man had his arm around my employer's throat and was choking him, and besides, he was so busy defending himself from an attack by two men that he didn't have time for a conversation with me."

Thereupon, the justice of the peace said, "Well, that is where you made a mistake, young man. You should have waited for your boss to ask you to take him off his back, and that is going to cost you \$25."

Mr. SPRINGER. Did you pay the fine?

Mr. MORGAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. \$25 and \$17.50 costs? And that is the whole incident?

Mr. MORGAN. That is correct.

Now, I did testify before the Senate that I considered this to be a joke on me, and one that I never expected would have these consequences 25 years later after I had thoroughly and entirely forgotten the matter.

Mr. SPRINGER. Do you mean to tell—you are bringing this up again, Mr. Morgan—do you mean to tell this committee now that a fight in which at least six or seven men were engaged—

Mr. MORGAN. No; there were only three, until I got into it.

Mr. SPRINGER. You say there were only three. It appears to me there were more, but I will take your word for it. You were finally taken to a justice of the peace and fined, and when you got down to your employment record before the Federal Government later on you could not even recollect that you were arrested; are you asking the committee to believe that?

Mr. MORGAN. I am not asking the committee to believe anything; I am just telling you that that is a fact.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Chairman, I will let it rest.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair hopes that we will not lose too much time in discussing a matter of this kind, which I simply cannot see has too much relevancy to the purpose of this hearing.

The committee, of course, has an opportunity to get all the information it can to make judgment on the presentations made by this or any other witness.

But I would like to make it very clear, as I tried to say at the outset, that our objective primarily is legislative. If there are any legislative proposals that come out of it, why, that is our primary concern.

As I indicated at the outset, in addition to that, our interest is in the administration of the law as required of us by the Reorganization Act of 1946.