

In our opinion, based on the four seizures that we have had, the seizure does provide a method of settlement.

Mr. ROGERS. Suppose the parties don't agree even though they have been seized? Then what? Do you just continue seizure?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Let me say this; On the basis of our experience with seizures, agreements are entered into. That is our experience under seizure. There have been four of them.

Mr. ROGERS. I am just assuming. Suppose the railroads don't agree? Suppose they are the ones who say, "No; we won't agree"?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Then I think at that time we will come to Government ownership and operation of the railroads on a permanent basis.

Mr. ROGERS. You would be willing to have Government ownership?

Mr. LEIGHTY. I suggested that 2 years ago and you should have heard the screaming on the part of the railroads.

Mr. ROGERS. Do you seriously maintain that we should have Government ownership and operation of the railroads?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Yes; Government ownership and operation of railroads; definitely.

Mr. ROGERS. Do you think that is worse than going to an arbitration board?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Do I think it is worse?

Mr. ROGERS. Or better?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Better, much better.

Mr. ROGERS. You think it is better for the Government to get into the running of the railroads' business in this country rather than to allow an arbitration board to try to get the parties together.

Mr. LEIGHTY. Definitely. An arbitration board to get parties together is one thing, but an arbitration board to make an award and enforce that award would be something else. If the arbitration board is—

Mr. ROGERS. This would keep you working under the seizure?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Yes.

Mr. ROGERS. Do you strike against the Government?

Mr. LEIGHTY. No.

Mr. ROGERS. Then you lose the right to strike during the seizure and Government operation?

Mr. LEIGHTY. What about your men in the Army? They can't strike.

Mr. ROGERS. I am just saying, are you willing to give up the right to strike during seizure and let the Government go into this operation like the Army? Is that what you are maintaining to this committee?

Mr. LEIGHTY. I am.

Mr. ROGERS. Well, I am shocked.

Mr. LEIGHTY. I am sorry.

Mr. ROGERS. I think if you reviewed this, I don't believe you really, seriously, would maintain to this committee that you would want to have the Government to go in under seizure and tell a man he can never strike against the railroads, with the Government running the railroads. I don't believe you want that.

Mr. LEIGHTY. I don't want it, but you are asking me for a solution.

Mr. ROGERS. I think you should review your testimony and correct it. I cannot believe this to be a serious proposal.

I do think that, of course, we do want the parties to get together. If everything does not work out, trying to get them together through joint meetings, efforts of Government mediators and emergency boards,