

ment representative on the Board we should be able to prevent them from coming up with something completely impractical.

Mr. BROWN. It seems to me in this circumstance that both labor and management are using the Congress, and specifically perhaps this committee, or focusing on this committee, as a tool in negotiation.

From what you have said and what Mr. Wolfe has said, I get this impression, whether it is proper or not. Do you think that is a fair interpretation of the circumstances?

Mr. LEIGHTY. We have no desire to go to the Congress.

Mr. BROWN. Do you think the railroad management does?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Yes, frankly. Yes. They are trying to follow through on what Mr. Loomis said in 1950, which I read in my statement.

In 1950 he advocated compulsory arbitration.

Mr. BROWN. And if we approved House Joint Resolution 559, you would see this as a prorailroad management solution to this problem?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Definitely.

Mr. BROWN. Would you conclude, then, also, that if we advocated House Joint Resolution 559 but seizure, that this would be interpreted by railroad management as accepting labor's viewpoint in this negotiation procedure?

Mr. LEIGHTY. No; I do not think it would be so interpreted. I think an honest analysis would prevent that.

Mr. BROWN. You think that it would indicate——

Mr. LEIGHTY. No; it would not indicate that. It would not indicate it was prolabor. Seizure isn't prolabor. We would be barred from doing a lot of things under the seizure law.

Mr. BROWN. How would you interpret our washing our hands of this thing and taking no action whatsoever?

Mr. LEIGHTY. I think if you washed your hands of the thing and took no action whatever a settlement would be made before the strike, before June 19.

Mr. BROWN. And if there were not a settlement?

Mr. LEIGHTY. There would be a settlement.

Mr. BROWN. You are sure of that?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Well, that is my firm opinion. I hope you would not put me in the electric chair if it did not go that way.

Mr. BROWN. But it is worth our taking that risk?

Mr. LEIGHTY. That is worth your taking that risk; yes.

The CHAIRMAN. That will conclude the questioning, Mr. Leighty.

Mr. LEIGHTY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the courtesy extended to me by the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. I wish to thank you for coming before us this morning.

This will conclude our hearings for today. We will resume next Tuesday.

I hope next Tuesday we will have a bit of a speedup. We might have some afternoon sessions at that time or maybe in the evening. I don't know.

I think we are now getting the essential information we need in order to make a decision as a committee. We hope if we have some