

do the same thing with them and they refused to sit down and talk with us.

The CHAIRMAN. Why did they refuse?

Mr. LUNA. I can't say except that they all wrote back the same letter. It looked like a letter that had come out of the office in Chicago, a form letter, where all of them told me that their personnel office would handle it or they would handle it through the railroad negotiators like they do everything else.

The CHAIRMAN. By railroad negotiators, whom do you mean?

Mr. LUNA. National, Mr. Doc Wolfe and company.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Wolfe move into the picture then?

Mr. LUNA. No, sir; he never would meet on it.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you have any collective bargaining on it?

Mr. LUNA. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Before this you had had collective bargaining?

Mr. LUNA. Since the law was passed the only place we had collective bargaining was with the eastern presidents. They sent two vice presidents in to consummate this agreement. They understood it. We talked about it and they tried to do what was right.

The next morning after we made this agreement and signed it, I had a call from Mr. Wolfe who asked me had we made this agreement.

The CHAIRMAN. I am trying to read between the lines. You were proceeding all right.

Mr. LUNA. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. With the railroad presidents as you had to do and as they understood the law.

Mr. LUNA. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Passed by this Congress.

Mr. LUNA. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Then something fell apart?

Mr. LUNA. When they found out what was going on, in my opinion, from the form letters we got, someone stopped the rest of them from dealing with me and trying to make a settlement.

The CHAIRMAN. I thought that the positive intent of our legislation in 1963 was to insure collective bargaining.

Mr. LUNA. That was the intent.

The CHAIRMAN. That was the mandate of this Congress. You say something stopped it and there were never any more meetings.

Mr. LUNA. Never any more.

The CHAIRMAN. Then the will of Congress was not followed along this line.

Mr. LUNA. Mr. Chairman, it is the same principle, whether you call it a different issue or not. It is a principle of the management people who testified before this committee, testified they would do one thing, and I for one am telling you that these people also testified, never did what they testified they would do.

They said, if you read the testimony, "We can settle this within the 2-year period." They never tried. They even took us to court and after we couldn't get the railroad managements to meet with us we served a section 6 on them, thought we could get them to meet that way; they took us to the court. The court said they didn't have to meet with us until the award expired and we just got that reversed less than 2 weeks ago.

The same thing will happen here; don't kid yourself.