

Mr. SPRINGER. As a matter of policy, because I want to get this in the record, pursuant to what I understood Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Leighty to testify that they did not believe that you could negotiate these on an individual railroad basis.

Mr. LUNA. I think you could. As they say, we are trying to do on the crew consists.

Mr. SPRINGER. I don't want to get into the crew consist, I have to stay on the issue. I want to be sure that we don't get this committee wrong. It was my understanding that you said that you testified this ought to be on a national basis. Do you still stay with that?

Mr. LUNA. I say it will have to be settled on a national basis. Now if you serve notice on an individual basis under the Railway Labor Act and you can bring it to a peak on one railroad and keep from having a national crisis and get a settlement on that railroad, it can spread to the other railroads.

Now we are going to have to figure some other way to handle these things to keep from causing a crisis every time we want to do something.

Mr. SPRINGER. Let us get what you are recommending today. Are you recommending that this decision and this dispute be settled on an individual basis?

Mr. LUNA. As I said before, I think they have gone too far to do it on this individually. I think they have a letter which we ran into in the 1960 settlement from the unions agreeing to handle it on a national basis.

Mr. SPRINGER. There is an agreement.

Mr. LUNA. I imagine there is.

Mr. SPRINGER. You don't know this for a fact?

Mr. LUNA. No, I don't know this. But in the other dispute I tried to, after I got mixed up in it, back out and start handling on an individual basis. My predecessor agreed it would be on a national basis.

Mr. SPRINGER. You are talking about the issues.

Mr. LUNA. About the issues. I imagine they agreed to handle it nationally. My position in this dispute is this, Mr. Springer: If the railroads know that they have a chance to get a compulsion they are not going to sit down and bargain with the carriers in the collective bargaining that we have known since 1934 when the Railway Labor Act was passed, because you are giving them the advantage.

If the carrier knows that they can't get that, that there is a possibility of a seizure or a freeze, you can call it either thing you want to, that they can't move on things they want and the unions can't get what they want, I think they would sit down and start bargaining like they should.

Mr. SPRINGER. The only thing that I know that Mr. Leighty, Mr. Ramsey, and Mr. Wolfe agreed on in this testimony, and I think it is in here, the only thing that I know that those three agreed on, in their testimony, if there is any other issue I don't know what it is, is that it ought to be done on a national basis.

Mr. LUNA. I think you are right on that.

Mr. SPRINGER. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Kyros.

Mr. KYROS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I have no questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Nelsen.

Mr. NELSEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.