

Mr. FRIEDEL. I am not questioning that at all. I can't understand why they are not trying to negotiate now. What are they trying to do? To force legislation? Force seizure or force something else where neither of you will be happy?

Why don't you try to get together and negotiate? Maybe you can come up with a contract. If I were president of a railroad, I think I would try to get them to meet this afternoon, immediately, to try to get together. If you don't meet, there is no chance in the world of getting together.

Mr. RICE. Not being fully abreast of what has gone on, I would not be in a position to discuss this.

Mr. FRIEDEL. I am not asking you to give me the inner workings. I am asking you, as president of the railroad. You painted a very, very black picture. You know what can happen if there is a national railway strike, or if we were to pass legislation for just an emergency.

You stressed what would happen, how you would pick out certain cars and so on. But knowing that, knowing the importance of getting together, if I were president, I would stress their trying to get together. Are we too far apart? Can we get together and try to meet? I think you can. If I were president, that is what I would do.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Springer.

Mr. SPRINGER. Are you limiting your testimony to your experience on the railroad?

Mr. RICE. I am limiting my testimony to my experience as a railroad operating officer both in this country and overseas.

Mr. SPRINGER. Are you East Coast?

Mr. RICE. Am I what?

Mr. SPRINGER. You are Atlantic Coast, not the East Coast?

Mr. RICE. The Atlantic Coast Line, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. I wanted to be sure about who I was talking to.

How much of your total income is traffic on the Atlantic Coast Line?

Mr. RICE. Do you mean how much of our total rail operating income is freight traffic?

Mr. SPRINGER. Yes.

Mr. RICE. Eighty-seven percent.

Mr. SPRINGER. Thirteen percent is passenger?

Mr. RICE. Passenger, mail, express, other types of per diem demurrage.

Mr. SPRINGER. On your line, do you have a substantial number of defense industries?

Mr. RICE. Yes, sir; 26 military installations.

Mr. SPRINGER. That is military installations. What about defense contractors?

Mr. RICE. You never know, sir, whether they are or whether they are not. Many of them are involved in making things for the Government that we are not familiar with.

Mr. SPRINGER. How many?

Mr. RICE. All of the foodstuffs that come out of Florida, much of that goes to the Quartermaster Corps. It goes to canning organizations who can it and ship it. Even the phosphate of Florida used in the production of fertilizer could be construed as a defense item.