

We move paper, cardboard boxes, by the thousands of carloads to the various manufacturers in the Southeast, which the Secretary spoke of this morning, needed for the boxing of ammunition.

I would have no guess as to the amount. But paper and paper products are the No. 2 revenue producer.

Mr. SPRINGER. What is your total mileage?

Mr. RICE. 5,700 miles.

Mr. SPRINGER. All along the east coast?

Mr. RICE. Back in as far as Birmingham, Atlanta, Augusta, Spartansburg, Columbia. We go through six States.

Mr. SPRINGER. And your terminus on the south is what?

Mr. RICE. Right down at the tip end of Florida.

Mr. SPRINGER. And your northern terminus is where?

Mr. RICE. Richmond, Va.

Mr. SPRINGER. With due respect, Mr. Rice, I don't believe you are the kind of a person that we ought to hear on this particular problem because I don't think you come from the industrial area of this country where, in my opinion, sufficient carriage of materials of this kind, speaking about the total volume, would affect this particular problem. I would want to hear from someone else besides you.

I think, Mr. Rice, as far as your statement is concerned, you have made a good statement.

Mr. RICE. Mr. Springer, I think you are talking about one of the fastest developing industrial portions of the whole country. Not only have I worked on the Coast Line, but I spent 7 years on the Pennsylvania, in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia area, the Wilmington, Del., area, and in the steel mill area.

Mr. SPRINGER. I am glad to hear that. I understood you were testifying as the president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and also from your overseas experience. But if you have had other experience, that is all right.

Mr. RICE. We have same very heavy industry around Birmingham.

Mr. SPRINGER. But I think there are railroads in the heart of this country carrying a lot more goods than you are. I would like to speak to them on this question.

Mr. ROGERS. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. SPRINGER. Yes. I yield to the gentleman who comes from that area.

Mr. ROGERS. I believe the gentleman was out of the room when Mr. Rice gave his background and experience on quite a number of railroads, not only in this part of the country but in the eastern part also, as well as his experience overseas with the military. He is a major general and has had experience in moving military cargo, so I think he is eminently qualified to give testimony, particularly on this point to which we are addressing ourselves this morning. I understood this was the point of the hearing, to have the Defense Department over here and to have the president of this line testify.

Furthermore, in this area, there are 26 military establishments which are vitally dependent on the railroads and, furthermore, our ports and the industry that is developing down there, being very definitely military-oriented in many ways.

I think the testimony he has given is very helpful in seeing what this proposition would bring about.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.