

and 56 they found no suitable opening in the area or they felt like they were not ready for employment after they got out.

Some 91 just unknown totally. I mean there was no way of even directing a mail inquiry.

It might be of some interest to state the kind of salaries these people are getting. Those receiving jobs, their hourly wage ranged greatly. We found one that even had a job as pipefitter that was drawing some \$5 an hour. That goes all the way down to such jobs as a mattress maker at \$2.65 an hour, and welder at \$2.52 an hour and any number of them drawing \$1.50 to \$1.60 per hour.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead, Mr. Dawson.

Mr. DAWSON. Mr. Chairman, I think that pretty well concludes our presentation.

Chairman PERKINS. I would like to compliment you for coming before this committee.

In connection with medical benefits, will you be able to work that out down there for people who are participating under Nelsen-Scheuer, and I suppose some have been cut off and for people who are presently taking MDTA courses and hiring some of these elderly people.

Do you think you will be able to work that out?

Mr. DAWSON. Yes, sir; I think we have available to us the basic tools that were modifications which can be made and were adequate financing, we feel we can make considerable progress. But without question it is going to take a combination of established programs and a combination of emphasis on poverty as such.

The OEO type of approach is going to be necessary as well as the regularly established program type approach. This means not only title V but the Labor Department projects also.

Chairman PERKINS. Do you feel that your employment offices are in a better position to screen the youngsters for the Job Corps than anyone else?

Mr. DAWSON. I guess it would be a little presumptive for me to say better than anyone else, Mr. Chairman, but I will say better than some. We have found that there is some success and we feel like it is pretty good success in the employment service screening with OEO and the community action groups doing the outreach in trying to encourage these people to come in, with VISTA participating in this aspect of it.

Chairman PERKINS. Is it your observation that the Job Corps is presently reaching a different type of youngster particularly lacking in a basic education and that in many instances are problem youngsters than what the vocational schools are presently reaching?

Mr. DAWSON. Yes, sir.

Chairman PERKINS. Would you describe that to the committee?

Mr. DAWSON. I found some of my information relative to the advantage that the Job Corps has had for the youngsters comes from the youngsters themselves. I think this may give something of a picture as to why the Employment Service seems to be the place if not better for the screening and recruitment.

You can go into many offices in the Employment Service or any youth opportunity centers that are connected with the Employment Service and you will find that these youngsters who are home on leave from Job Corps come back there to talk with people who recruited them or to tell them of their experiences.