

I remember when I served in the local general assembly in South Carolina, this was quite a problem. That is when any railroad proposed the discontinuance of a train. And we had these petitions filed with us, with the Public Service Commission in opposition to the discontinuance. And, as I recall, in really checking one of those petitions, most of them originated with the employees rather than with passengers who wanted the continuance of the service. Has that been your experience, sir?

Mr. GOODFELLOW. I would say the protestants have come, in my experience, mostly from civic people who have a certain amount of civic pride. I agree with you that very seldom do we get any protests from passengers, because, well, you can't get protests from somebody that is nonexistent.

Mr. WATSON. Obviously, since the passenger business is a losing proposition, I assume that you are enlarging upon your freight and other activities, modernizing it and making it more sophisticated, to be more competitive and so forth. Aren't you trying as best you can to absorb the employees that are losing jobs as a result of the discontinuance of passenger trains into your other service?

Mr. GOODFELLOW. It is rather hard for me to make a generalization in this, but I have not heard of very many people that have been laid off because passenger trains were taken off. Most of our railroads are looking for train people, and in short most of these people have been able to find jobs.

I agree this is a generalization and there may have been some people laid off, but I don't think very many when passenger trains came off.

Mr. WATSON. Thank you very much.

Mr. FRIEDEL. I want to thank you, Mr. Goodfellow. I just have one observation.

When we have high-speed ground transportation, we will provide for parking areas near the terminal. And I always go back to the shopping centers, and I think the greatest success was for the shopping centers to have proper parking and enough parking. I have noticed the airports have increased their parking facilities, too, and I hope the railroads in the future, while they are planning to recapture the passengers, that they have in their plans more parking space right there at the railroad station.

Mr. GOODFELLOW. You are completely right, Mr. Chairman, I am sure they are going to do that.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Thank you.

Our next witness will be Mr. William M. Moloney, general counsel, Association of American Railroads.

Do you have a prepared statement?

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM M. MOLONEY, GENERAL COUNSEL, ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS

Mr. MOLONEY. Yes, I do have, Mr. Chairman, and with your permission I would ask that my prepared statement be incorporated and printed in the record and I will endeavor to summarize or to highlight it in the course of my remarks.

Mr. FRIEDEL. If there is no objection, it is so ordered.