

Mr. JONES. Any further questions, Mr. Snyder?

Mr. SNYDER. I think so, if I might have a second on this, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Miller?

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Marquis, I think you have presented good testimony. It gives us a lot of information. There are a few points that I would like to cover.

How many of the three-man commissions are appointed by the U.S. district court?

How many does it take to operate this system?

Mr. MARQUIS. Wherever there is a district and in some cases wherever there is a division of a district, and I am just guessing at this moment—

Mr. MILLER. Well, approximately.

Mr. MARQUIS. I would say 12 to 15.

Mr. MILLER. Twelve to fifteen?

Mr. MARQUIS. I would like to correct that later if I may. I will be glad to check on that.

(The following was received:)

(NOTE: There are presently 16 commissions in the six Tennessee Valley States other than Mississippi. In Mississippi, where the court appoints a separate commission for each county in which cases arise, there are five commissions in cases presently pending.)

Mr. MILLER. We have some testimony that came up here in the beginning from one of the witnesses that states, speaking of the section giving you authority that this section now provides a means for determination of the issue of just compensation in TVA land which is different from that involved in the condemnation of land or requirements of any other agency of the United States.

Then, on page 3 of your testimony it states that that rule which also had the endorsement of the American Bar Association expressly reserves the Commission system in TVA cases.

Mr. MARQUIS. That is correct.

Mr. MILLER. And the sum, what similar system is in effect in the District of Columbia.

Mr. MARQUIS. That is also correct.

Mr. MILLER. Could you explain where the District of Columbia, with that same system would be in operation?

Mr. MARQUIS. Well, the system is provided for as I understand under the District of Columbia Code, sir.

It has existed for a great many years and what it involves is the selection of a much smaller number of people than would be included in an ordinary jury, a small panel, let us say of about five people, who are picked from a special box and who view the premises.

The advisory committee said this, sir:

We found two instances where the Congress has specified the kind of tribunal to fix compensation. One case was the District of Columbia where a rather