

Mr. BAILEY. Whether this is the principal reason or not, I cannot answer.

I think this would be one reason. I do not know. I do not know what the reasons are for the legislation.

Mr. CLAUSEN. What do you think the net effect of this pending legislation might be over the existing arrangement of compensation?

What percent do you think we would be dealing with, dollarwise?

Mr. BAILEY. I have no idea what the percentages are. I have some opinion as to what this effect might be.

It has been my experience involving land condemnations, whether it be the TVA Commission system or the State level for highway projects, it usually depends on how well a case is presented to that court, whether it is a Commission or jury or whatever.

In the case of TVA it has been my experience that this is one of the most competent agencies I have had experience with and the cases are well presented.

To this degree I think juries would be more informed than in the case of any other agencies that present the cases to the jury. Percentagewise, I have no idea.

One of the biggest advantages to the taxpayer, the public, is the time it takes to try these cases. The jury cases take a long time to try. We try many cases in the highway projects that I think Mr. Snyder referred to that have taken 5 and 6 years to come up and when the TVA cases are usually tried, they come up within a few months after they are condemned.

There are many advantages here. Percentagewise, I cannot answer. I do not know. This would be purely speculation.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Snyder?

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you very much for your testimony and being here with us today.

I believe you indicated in the course of your testimony that you have had experience with three of these Commission boards.

Mr. BAILEY. Yes, Knoxville, tricity area of Tennessee and Nashville.

Mr. SNYDER. How many cases have you testified on?

Mr. BAILEY. Well, here again this would be speculating. There have been a lot of them.

Mr. SNYDER. TVA cases?

Mr. BAILEY. Yes.

Mr. SNYDER. Well, give me a figure.

Mr. BAILEY. Well of course I have done this over a period of some 15 years and it would be a ball park figure. I will take a wild guess and say in 10 or 15 years, maybe 150, maybe 200.

Mr. SNYDER. And in how many of those cases have you been a witness for property owners against the TVA?

Mr. BAILEY. For the property owners against the TVA, in a few cases because obviously I have worked with the TVA in these cases, in many cases and I am employed by the TVA in these cases before the property is condemned and I am not available to the property owner.

Mr. SNYDER. So you are a professional witness for the TVA.

Mr. BAILEY. No, sir; I would say as far as my professional practice is concerned, in total, that about 10 percent of my work concerns the TVA on an annual basis.