

many areas thought to be immune to the power structure of the Authority. There are few such areas which enjoy such immunity.

Beset by a pattern appraisal system which many lawyers are loath to attempt to fight, a declining set of values attached to their property, and the thought of no recourse to their peers—the landowners in the Tennessee Valley and adjoining territories have been bludgeoned into helping the Authority post a V/FC ratio which is truly amazing. Small wonder that they cry “no contest.”

(Letters submitted by Mr. Thompson follow :)

GOLDEN POND, KY., *April 27, 1968.*

DEAR MR. THOMPSON: May we take this opportunity to thank you for your extreme kindness in helping us in our effort to save our homes between the rivers, which is now referred to as the L.B.L., by the T.V.A. If it becomes necessary that we have to go to court because of prices offered to us by T.V.A. in the case of condemnation, then, we definitely desire a trial by jury. We do not feel that any U.S. agency should be excused from following the rules and regulations of the Constitution of the United States of America. Furthermore, we do not believe any person should be forced to sell or dispose of his land, home, or any personal property without his own desire or consent, especially when there is no specific need. We feel that T.V.A. is already in possession of much more land between the rivers than they will ever use constructively. So far, it all seems to be a total loss.

Unless we are permitted a trial by jury we will not be receiving the rights guaranteed us by our Constitution.

We were so very happy to have you come with Corinne to visit us. I was so very sorry to be ill at the time. We do hope you will come back to see us.

Again, may we thank you for everything you have done or may do to help us to save our homes? You have been wonderful.

Sincerely,

MARY and LOCKERT DAVIS.

APRIL 27, 1968.

DEAR MR. THOMPSON: I request Mr. Thompson to represent me before the committee for a jury trial by the T.V.A. My reasons are: That in the past I have not seen anything fair and in our favor the T.V.A. have done. My father, Mr. J. A. Pitty was worried so by the T.V.A. that finally he sold to them. He did not get enough money to buy a house so he bought a trailer. After he moved, he worried so much and was so unhappy he had a bad heart attack. Chances are he will not live long. And most of it is due to the T.V.A. Do you see anything fair in this?

JUANITA (PITTY) ALDRIDGE.
WILLIE ALDRIDGE.

EDDYVILLE, KY., *April 28, 1968.*

DEAR MR. THOMPSON: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for what you have done for us and for working so hard to help us to save our homes from T.V.A.

I would like very much for you to represent us before Congress on the bill, Trial By Jury, because I don't feel like that we would have a chance in the world if we would have to go before the three Commissioners which are appointed by T.V.A. if we should have to go to court with them. You have been down here and you know how the T.V.A. are treating us. You know if we don't get that bill pass we don't have a chance with them (T.V.A.) if it should come to a condemnation suit with them to hold our homes.

Again I am thanking you for everything you have done for us in trying to help us save our homes from T.V.A.

Thanks.

Mrs. HOMER RAY.

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