

that the Commissioners are paid by the T.V.A. They think that they are treating us fair

I don't think that it is fair for Government agencies to have rules that are contrary to the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely yours,

JOHNNIE and WANDA DOWNING.

GRAND RIVERS, KY., *April 27, 1968.*

DEAR MR. CHARLES P. THOMPSON: We would appreciate you speaking in our behalf concerning the matter of "Trial by jury."

The reason why we want trial by jury is we think that with a trial by jury we would get a more fairer price for our property if forced to sell, and not by three of T.V.A. Commissioners.

We believe that all states should have jury trial for land that is being taken by any government agency. The T.V.A. claims that trial by jury would be a lot of trouble & expense to the landowners. Well we are the landowners & we believe this is going against our Constitutional rights.

Signed,

ELLIA MAE TRAVIS,
WILLARD JOE TRAVIS.

GRAND RIVERS, KY., *April 27, 1968.*

DEAR MR. THOMPSON: We request that you represent us before the committee for a jury trial by T.V.A.

We are not willing for our home to be taken by T.V.A. If this should come, the trial by jury is one of our Constitutional rights that we feel we should have.

There is no fairness when one can't have the "say so" over whether his home is for sale or not.

We request that the trial be one privilege that we should get. After all don't we deserve one right?

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. DON TIMMONS.

GRAND RIVERS, KY., *April 27, 1968.*

DEAR MR. THOMPSON: I request Mr. Thompson to represent me before the committee for a jury trial by T.V.A.

My reasons are as follows: Being denied our Constitutional rights to a jury trial. Do not think it is fair for any Government Agency to overrule our Constitutional rights. I don't believe they should take anyone's property unless they are willing for them to take it. Our property is as valuable to us as for them to take and do nothing with as they have in the past.

Our property has built up now and is ours for a lifetime if the T.V.A. will leave us alone. We need someone to help up keep our land and keep us with our rights. They only want to leave us with nothing. Our churches they want to take and not give us nothing. When has it come, that there has been prices put on churches anyway.

We need someone to stand up for us. When we talk to the Government or T.V.A. never answer us in a way we know what we are doing.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. HOMER BARNETT.

GRAND RIVERS, KY., *April 27, 1968.*

DEAR MR. THOMPSON: We are very much in appreciation of your help in fighting T.V.A.

The reason we think we should have trial by jury is because the three-man commission which represents T.V.A. are extremely unfair in the prices they pass on.

The T.V.A. bought property from our parents in 1940 and paid them a total price of \$3,000 for 198 acres, home, barn and other out-buildings, which was less than \$16.00 per acre. The burden was too great for them to seek true compensation before the Commission, Court of Appeals, etc.