

we are refused by trial by jury. T.V.A. only government agency that has right to buy property without trial by jury. Would like to thank you for the help you have given us in Land Between Lakes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. H. TRAVIS.

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—I don't believe that we would get a fair deal with the T.V.A. Its generally known that the Commissioners are paid by and work with TVA and its well known fact that they won't be for us.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. and ALFRIEDA ROWLAND.

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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 It's generally thought that the commissioner are paid by the T.V.A. They think that they are treating us fair, but they are working for their own good.

I don't think it's fair for a government agency to have rules that are contrary to the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely yours,

BENNY and JEAN PINNEGAR.

Mr. JONES. Thank you very much, Mr. Thompson.

Are there any questions?

Mr. SNYDER. I am curious about what the American Landowners Association is.

Mr. THOMPSON. The American Landowners Association is a group of property owners throughout the country who have banded together to protect their property rights.

We started in the Potomac Valley, when the original plans were drawn up by the Department of Interior to make a substantial portion of the valley into a national park.

Somehow our efforts were publicized and we began to get letters from other portions of the country where land and property owners felt that they were not being treated equitably, or they had suspicions that they might not, in the future, be so located.

Mr. SNYDER. Where is it headquartered?

Mr. THOMPSON. We have our headquarters in Harpers Ferry, W. Va., and we have at present only an executive director, which position I fill, and the heads of our two existing State chapters and several county chapters.

Then we have members at large in several different States of the Union. We are only about a year and a half old.

Mr. SNYDER. What are the two States you operate in?

Mr. THOMPSON. We have a chapter in Kentucky and a chapter in the State of Maryland.

Mr. SNYDER. Is the one in Kentucky now, in the TVA area?

Mr. THOMPSON. It is almost entirely in the Land Between the Lakes area, very limited.

Mr. SNYDER. What kind of membership does it have?

Mr. THOMPSON. We now have about 42 members of the association, all landowners, all have a stake, and these are vested interests, if you wish to call them that.

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you.

Mr. THOMPSON. He have asked also that the committee take into its