

the number of mental breakdowns in this area in people who have been forced out is positively alarming.

In the Tennessee Valley, the right to trial by jury is too long overdue.

Now, in listening—if I may go ahead just a moment—to the testimony that was given yesterday, I do not remember if it was brought out that in the case of a commission award to the landowner that is more than 20 percent more than TVA offered, then it is automatically appealed by the agency. In other words, we have documented instances where that agency has spent so many, many more thousands of dollars than they offered for the property in order to take it for the lower sum.

This is a point, I am not sure whether it was brought out or not, but it is always appealed, even if the commission offers you—if they offer you 35 percent more, then it will be appealed; if they offer you 25 percent more, to my knowledge it has always been appealed.

Now, I have letters from various people and instances of mistreatment that, if you have the time, I would like to read one or two.

Mr. JONES. Would you give us examples, rather than reading them all?

Mrs. WHITEHEAD. All right.

Mr. JONES. They will be made available in the record and we will have access to examine them.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Chairman, I move they all be adopted and put in the record.

Mr. JONES. Without objection they will be received.

(The letters follow:)

AMERICAN LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

DEAR FRIEND: At the request of its Kentucky State Chapter, The American Landowners Association is conducting an investigation of the land acquisition practices of the Tennessee Valley Authority. We are especially interested in contacting those who have had personal dealings with the authority, and attorneys who have argued cases dealing with TVA Land Acquisition.

Should you have such information or can help us in any way please reply. Those assisting and desiring same will receive a copy of our report.

Thank you,

CHARLES P. THOMPSON,
Executive Director.

A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY MRS. ROWENA PAYNE,
AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

The TVA men recently have been worrying me they had until recently left me pretty well alone. I received one of the certified letters from TVA and I returned it. A few days later Mr. Birchfield of TVA was here and I told him I had returned the letter, shortly TVA man came back with the letter and read the price I wouldn't accept it at all. It wasn't anything. They told me they had driven by and from the road had made the appraisal. They suggested I let them measure the house and appraise.

I have been in business here thirty years operating a grocery store. I have two acres here 26 acres in another tract. I was offered \$14,000 for the two acres, the store and two dwellings and outbuildings. \$8,600 for the 26 acres.

A TVA man told me that I would not be allowed to operate my business after May 31st of this year. I asked him if there is a law to prevent me from having the business and he said "No" TVA just wants no businesses after that time.