

I would like to give you my thoughts on why it is important that we allow the ingenuity of the American mining engineer, the man who works in reclamation and the man who is running these coal mines. I can assure you that my friends say, Why do you oppose legislation? Your company and your mines are considered the tops—and I want you to come and see them, what we did.

My answer is simply this: that I want to be a part of America's secret weapon. I want to be a part of the group who has developed these machines that make this reclamation possible and a part of the group who has developed seedlings that have been brought in here from Switzerland, for example, that are covering thousands of acres of our land and actually helping our problem that our Secretary referred to this morning.

We are the great exporters of the crownvetch seed that the Federal Government is using to hold the banks that keep slipping on both State and Federal highways. Some of it is down here in the District, I bring some of it with me for my friends. Every time I come I bring some to help hold these difficult banks.

The person who does the job of really bringing on reclamation is the man in the field. I want to give you a couple of the things that hurts and impedes. When you have many layers of authority and you preplan a job and you are working on it and then you have different authorities to deal with in getting this job done in the most economic and in the most advantageous way in the future of our Nation, when there is more than one layer of the authority there is jealousy as to who is going to do what, and how you are going to do it.

I submit the dialog had here this morning between two Federal groups is what I am talking about.

Now if you were working in a mine and here is a State man saying you should do it this way, and you have a Federal man over here saying you should do it this way, and more than likely at different times they both work for you and they are now experts, but the truth of the matter is they didn't have the capacity in many cases to hold a job but they are telling you how to do it.

Now I believe sincerely as a reclaimant that the progress that the United States particularly has made in the last 3 to 5 years is phenomenal and I would like to indulge this group to give us an opportunity to prove what we can do voluntarily and under State controls. I think you will be real proud of it. I would like to add one thing that has been mentioned here, what England has done several times.

Now, bless England's heart, I am emigrated from there and I don't want to go to Australia because of Federal controls, but the money came out of that mine in Fort Knox known as Fort Knox, Ky., that subsidized most of the socialistic recovery that you have in England and in Germany. We poured \$10 billion in there trying to make that program work and it didn't work, man.

I am not ashamed of what happened with the acid mine draining the old mines in Pennsylvania. They made it possible for my daddy to have a three-room house to put me in when I came to this country and develop this Nation, and hardly anyone that did that work in those days could even read or write. Sure, they left us some problems, but we can overcome them.

I better be careful, I will get to singing that song.