

There is nothing we can do, there is not a thing. I know a man personally, I can show it to you by time of year, a woman was being beaten, somebody was trying to take her pocketbook, and she was trying to hold on to it, and this guy has got a razor cut from here to here just because he got off the bus to see what was going on. It started on the bus; in fact, it was happening right there on the steps of the bus, and he got up out of his seat, and no sooner was he out of his seat when he got a razor cut from here to here, and he will carry this scar for the rest of his life. He knows who that is, who cut him. He knows who did it, but he cannot testify at all because he is afraid that he is going to lose his job.

Mr. DOWDY. Is he a bus driver?

Mr. RICHMOND. Yes, he is a bus driver, yes. But these women——

Mr. BROYHILL. You mean if he testified he would lose his job?

Mr. PHILLIPS. The company does not want any publicity.

Mr. RICHMOND. He would not lose his job, but the company says he will lose his job. They inflict the fear he will lose his job. They cannot fire you for that, but they maybe fire you for some little misdemeanor later on, like being late for work. There are other ways of getting you.

Just like in the Army, you go one way or the other. So these are some of the things we are confronted with.

Once these policemen escort these women to the buses, these women stick around us and think we are policemen. They figure somebody is going to attack them. They feel the "bus driver is going to help me," and we have been given strict orders to stay out of that.

Mr. BROYHILL. Do you have policemen riding on the buses at night?

Mr. RICHMOND. Well, a policeman is like a sore thumb. Nothing happens while a policeman is there, and it is just like some of these end-of-the-lines, policemen are sitting there or detectives sitting there and in their so-called unmarked cars. A kid can pick it out, a kid knows it is a detective sitting there. He is not going to rob nobody while the detective is sitting there.

So the next night nobody is there, and you get robbed.

We have one man who is a new man he worked 11 days and got robbed seven days out of 11. This does not make sense.

He is actually he is doing a public service to the people of Washington, D.C. Still, now he went back on to——

Mr. MACHEN. Let me ask you this in connection with that one man.

When you report in on that does the company report it to the police or not?

Mr. RICHMOND. Oh, yes. This is another thing. Once you are robbed, a gun stuck in your nose, you are afraid of death, you are trembling and you are afraid to go back to work. A guy is scared, a gun is stuck under his nose, and if you have \$90 in your pocket, if you have anything over \$11, you have to pay this back. You have \$80 company money in your pocket; if a guy comes in with a gun and takes it from you it is a robbery, right? But still you have to pay it back to the company. You never heard nothing like that.

Mr. BROYHILL. You have to replace the money?

Mr. RICHMOND. You have to replace every penny over \$11 if you do not have it locked up in your box.

Mr. BROYHILL. I see.

Mr. RICHMOND. Yet but that is still a robbery.