

company, the union and the WMATC. We are in hopes that this will be another addition in regard to the safety of the bus drivers.

This scrip system has created a problem, I understand, with cab drivers. The cab drivers' union has called our union offices shortly after we inaugurated the scrip system, with the complaint that we were driving the thugs to robbing cab drivers.

Our problem in coming here is actually the fact that the type of people who are on the street and who are assaulting not only bus drivers but members of the typographical union and the general public of Washington are here in number, they have been here and they have progressed with such a rapid pace over the last few years, with no deterrent to stop them, it seems to me that it is only going to be a matter of time before the members of the Metropolitan Police Department are going to be forced to resign their positions, as well as any other responsible person, and I know from the records on a slide-scale basis, that the rate at which the robberies in our business have increased over the last eight years, would make any successful businessman envy them.

This dollars and cents gain, I do not think there is any industry in the country that has made the progress that the robbers, so to speak, as a private industrialist can show for gain.

Mr. DOWDY. I have stated that any mother who is raising her son to be a criminal is derelict in her duty to him if she does not bring him to Washington, D.C., to practice his profession. Here, he will be protected by the courts from punishment.

Mr. KANE. It seems to me that one of our problems is the fact that we all know we are not getting the backing of the law enforcement agencies. We have policemen; we do not know why they cannot do their job. We look up to them, we envy them.

I personally believe we have the finest and most intelligent group of policemen in the country right here in Washington. I have had the opportunity to work with the police department on different occasions during the riots and the civil disturbances, and they know within the nth degree as to what they can accomplish, what they can do, and what they cannot do.

When I first came here to Washington I came here with the idea that, at that time, I was living in a rural area which was being hit by the recession in the late '50's, and I thought that as a responsible individual and as the father of a large family that I would move to a more lucrative location where I could support my family without going on welfare, without asking anybody's help, to find a job and to do my best.

Coming to Washington where I understood there never had been any suffering or depression, the economy was great, I did not intend to settle as a bus driver, but after starting out in that career I found it to be quite lucrative and I prospered. But with the threats of losing a limb or losing my life and leaving a widow and children to suffer, as the present time I am in regard to weighing the situation, I am on the fence as to whether I have done the right thing here. I am quite a few years older than I was when I came here, and I would not have the opportunities that I would have had on the farm, and with the responsibility of children growing up, educating them, is just another thing, and you cannot pick up and move.