

Mr. MACHEN. None of us do. We know there is a very responsible citizenry regardless of race who are just as concerned. This is not color we are asking law enforcement. This is all concerned citizenry.

Mr. RICHMOND. That is what I wanted to know.

Mr. SHANDS. I think our major problem is there is not enough action taken down at the courts, because the company won't even prosecute.

In 1964 I was sitting at the bus stop working some math problems. A group of kids came up, snatched my transfers and shot me.

I went down to No. 11 and looked at some photos, and I thought I had the guy, but the company had sent a representative from the claims department over and he told me, "Don't pinpoint the guy," you know. "Just don't choose him." So they had the pistol and everything. No action. I never heard anything from it.

A guy can rob you. I will tell you, once three boys took a man's cash carrier, beat him up on the head, so some guys caught the boys, turned them over to No. 5. So the next day they were out and they beat him again. You see that kind of stuff does not make sense. That is where our main problem is, right there.

Mr. DOWDY. That sort of thing just encourages them to do more.

Mr. PHILLIPS. Well, the particular night that Mr. Talley, the operator from the Bladensburg Division, was shot, I picked his bus up at 21st and K Street. It was wrapped around that pole, and what I saw or what was left of the man, his brains smeared across the windshield; this is all he has to show for the time he has been with D. C. Transit.

These are some of the hazards of the occupation, and that is it, and actually there wouldn't have been a thing done until the guys at night just literally refused to drive the buses without money. If the company would only back some of the operators who are willing to stick their necks out on the line, who would like to help protect the people on their vehicles, as I would if allowed to. I think I am about as much a man as the next guy, and it irritates me and it bugs me to see a little punk harass people on my bus. I know I could do something about it and stop it, but I cannot for the simple reason that the company that I work for limits me to my actions.

The best I can do is ask him would he please cut it out, especially when I can put him off my bus, but he knows if I put him off my bus, and he files a report on me, then I am called on the carpet for it, because I am not allowed to take this type of direct action.

Mr. MACHEN. Mr. Chairman, I know that we have to leave——

Mr. DOWDY. Is Mr. Nebel here?

Have you all about finished?

I will come back if you have not.

Have you all finished?

Mr. RICHMOND. Yes, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. Well, we appreciate your testimony. It has been enlightening, particularly on the orders that you operate under. It seems like you are under about the same type of repressive order that the city police are in trying to enforce the law.

Thank you very much.

Mr. PHILLIPS. Thank you very much, sir.

Mr. RICHMOND. Thank you very much, sir.