

opinion to all the small business in the community and create problems for the city by sending the people off family farms into the city which is something they themselves do not want. These people are handicapped by leaving the farm to go to the cities and expect to find a job that is satisfactory to them. I remember way back when the youngsters from the city would come out to these family farms during their summer vacations and weekends. They were off the streets and were learning what the bread and butter was and how it was produced to be put on the table. Today it is just the opposite. The country boys have to go into the city and there they run the street at large with the city youngsters. Think of how much this must mean to our rising rate in crime.

We have heard a lot of testimony this forenoon, some on family farms, and some about the moonlighting family farms, but we did not hear actually the answer to it or why this is happening. In my opinion the price they receive at the marketplace is too low. We know that NFO has opposed corporate farming for the past 10 years and they have been fighting hard so the family farmer will receive a sensible and economical price at the marketplace, a price I think they are entitled to. I think that our courts, our legislature, our Government and State officials have not upheld laws that were amended way back to protect against the monopolies, monopolizers and conspirators. In the records you will find there were laws amended especially for this purpose but were not enforced. Instead they keep passing new laws that seem to bypass the original laws, with built-in loopholes, which seems to protect the big money men who can afford to hire the professional attorneys and lobbyists to get the job done for them. The Capper-Volstead Act in particular was amended for the purpose of protecting the farmer from being swindled and to allow him to receive a reasonable price for his product above the cost of production.

In my opinion, I think there are many present buyers, processors, and packers that are violating these laws constantly, and our Government, I don't think, has taken the right action to stop them, and haven't been for many years. When any one stops or blocks competition and forces a producer to sell at their price, the producer is not getting the price he is entitled to. Therefore, this is a violation of the antitrust laws. It is also a reason for many of our farmers being forced off the farms.

I happen to be a victim of what can happen and did happen to me because of a giant corporation, and it took me 51½ years of fighting and struggling just because of their unjust acts.

In late 1960, one of the largest feed companies in the United States, operating in 52 countries, had decided to enter largely into the turkey business with the intention of capturing a large portion of the turkey business in the United States and Canada. Their intention also was to control it from cradle to grave. I was to be a small part of it. This was told to me by some of the top executives in the company, of how and why they were going to do it. They did, however, enter into it with a lot of unrelated money invested in this operation. It was proved to be a monopoly and conspiracy which caused many producers to suffer depressed prices. What farmer would want to buck up against a big corporation to fight for his rights, with probably \$18 in his checking