

Bills, which I have introduced and am responsible for the care of; and it has been particularly harassing to me to be constantly referred to by the Press of Baltimore city, almost unanimously, as an obstructionist in this body. I have been called by the *Baltimore Sun* an obstructionist, by the *Evening News*, I am held up as a man who is down here obstructing the passage of Bills, using my position as chairman and my position in this body, and in some mysterious way throwing my personality across the Legislature of Maryland and obstructing the Legislation, and the *Baltimore American* this morning heads a long editorial in which I am referred to as the man who has introduced a refuge of lies, behind which all the friends of Baltimore city are raising protest against an obstructionist to those honest people who are aiming to do good to my city and that I am causing delay in the passage of the Annexation Bills. I want to say, Mr. President, that it is known to the Committee that I have done everything in my power to have action taken on these Bills. We brought the Bills down without recommendation, and when they were to be considered in this Senate, when an opportunity would be given to hear the truth from my side of the case, which had been denied by the Press, and when an opportunity to hear the truth was presented that night, the agents of those who are in favor of one Bill and against the other spread among the members of the Senate and informed them that a compromise was about to be agreed upon, and all they had to do was to recommit the Bills, and we would speedily have these matters considered by the Senate. The Bills were committed, under my protest, acting, of course, as an obstructionist. They remain in the Committee to this day and four times I have attempted to bring them down in one form or another, particularly to bring the Bill down that those who are alone standing for Baltimore city, and who are for the only true and only righteous Bill—that Bill I have attempted to bring down four times. Every time those who stand for that Bill have objected to its coming from the Committee, and I have been informed that we would, at last, find a place of compromise, and yesterday morning, at the invitation of Solicitor Field, in Baltimore city, I visited his office, and for the first time, a proposal looking to compromise was offered to me, which has not been offered to the Committee. It was exceedingly small to cover the wide difference between us as the manner of the treatment of Baltimore city in this proposed change of its relation to the new territory. They originally proposed that the new territory shall be taxed ninety-five