

Question. I want you to state to the Committee how you hold your office as General Superintendent?

Answer. That would be very difficult for me to do.

Question. Will you state whether in truth and in fact you ever knew an instance, except your own, where a man held a lucrative office without appointment, got hap-hazard?

Answer. There has been no regular appointment of any body.

Question. Are you working for pay?

Answer. Certainly.

Question. Who pays you?

Answer. I get my pay from the funds, and I have not got any pay except what I have told you.

Question. Do you expect any?

Answer. Certainly.

Question. To whom do you look for it?

Answer. I look to the road.

Question. Do you expect the road to become animated and pay you?

Answer. I mean the receipts of the road.

Question. Who are the men you expect to pay the money into your hands?

Answer. The man that pays—the paymaster, whoever he may be. I am paymaster at present; I pay myself.

Question. Then you would have this Committee infer that you hold the office by mere hap hazard?

Answer. I did not say any such thing; I have not endeavored to leave any such impression upon the minds of the Committee.

Question. Then you will oblige me by just telling me how you hold your office—by whose appointment?

Answer. I tell you there has been no regular appointment made because there was no regular organized company. I was requested to take that position by Mr. Brock.

*Counsel.* That is what I wanted to get at.

*Witness.* Exactly.

Question. Don't you consider that an appointment?

Answer. You may consider it what you please.

*Counsel.* You would have saved us all this trouble by stating this at first.

*Witness.* I saw evidently that you wanted to question me, and I was willing you should go on.

Question. When did he first mention this matter of being superintendent?

Answer. That I am unable to say.

Question. When did you first ever see him?

Answer. Not till after the bill had passed; I never knew such a man in existence before.

Question. How long after?

Answer. I think it was about three days.

Question. How long after the passage of the bill was the assignment executed?