And thereupon the defendants solicitor exhibited his cross-interrogatories filed and herewith returned, to which the said witness answered as follows:

To the first cross-interrogatory, that the deponent has hired the hands and has always had the hire to Mrs Watkins, except the hire which accrued during the last harvest; that he paid to the defendant, Mr Watkins being away from the place.

To the second cross-interrogatory, that he does not know.

To the third cross-interrogatory, that the corn crop looks pretty well this year, and he thinks that Watkins has been doing better than formerly. The condition of the crops was very bad last year, when Brashears worked the land. The negro man above referred to was not then living on the farm, but was hired out to Mr Dodson. The negro women were living on the farm, but the deponent does not know whether they worked in the crop.

Fayette Ball a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the complainants being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories herewith returned, filed as aforesaid by the solicitor for the complainant, answers and says:

To the first interrogatory, that he does know the parties and has known them for about four years.

To the second interrogatory that he is not well acquainted with his habits. He sees Watkins riding about very frequently, but never knows where he is going. He is very negligent of his business. He is not acquainted with his habits in respect to sobriety or otherwise.

To the third interrogatory, that he does not know.

The fourth interrogatory waived.

To the fifth interrogatory, that deponent lives adjoining and in sight of the farm where Watkins resides. Watkins has managed the place badly, by not

attending to the working and saving the crops. The crops have also been a good deal destroyed by stock. He refers to the wheat and corn crops. He does not think that more than half a crop has been made, but thinks that with proper attention and industry, the crops might have been doubled.

The sixth interrogatory waived.

To the seventh, that he does not know.

The eighth interrogatory waived.

To the ninth interrogatory, that having heard the testimony of the witnesses Brashears and Williams, he adopts their statements with respect to the property of which Mr Watkins has been in possession of. He has no other property or means of support. The farm has lessened in value and continues to lessen. He is sure that the crops would not support the family comfortably. But if properly managed, he thinks that it would be sufficient.

And thereupon the defendants solicitor exhibited his cross-interrogatories hereunto filed and returned, to which he answers:

To the first cross-interrogatory, that Mr Davis who was building deponent's house in the year eighteen hundred and fifty one boarded his hands with Mrs Watkins during the time they were working on the house. Deponent paid a portion of the money himself for their board to Mrs Watkins.

To the second cross-interrogatory, that deponent thinks the crops much better this year than last year. Brashears worked the farm last year.

The commission then adjourned to meet on Thursday September the seventh at eleven o'clock at the same place for the purpose of taking further testimony.

Thursday September the seventh eighteen hundred and fifty four. The Commission met on this day in pursuance of notice at eleven O'clock A.M. at the same place, when the following testimony was