

such person, and such person shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and if the judge shall determine that such person has refused, without reasonable cause or legal excuse, to be examined or to answer a legal and pertinent question, or to produce a book or paper which he was ordered to bring or produce, he may forthwith commit the offender to jail, there to remain until he submits to do the act which he was so required to do, or is discharged according to law.

1910, ch. 180, sec. 10 (p. 353).

422. All hearings before the commission or commissioner shall be governed by rules to be adopted and prescribed by the commission. And in all investigations, inquiries or hearings the commission, or a commissioner, shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence. No person shall be excused from testifying or from producing any books or papers in any investigation or inquiry by or upon any hearing before the commission or any commissioner, when ordered to do so by the commission, upon the ground that the testimony or evidence, books or documents required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to penalty or forfeiture; but no person shall be prosecuted, punished or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any act, transaction, matter or thing concerning which he shall, under oath, have, by order of the commission or a commissioner, testified or produced documentary evidence; provided, however, that no person so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for any perjury committed by him in his testimony. Nothing herein contained is intended to give, or shall be construed as in any manner giving unto any corporation immunity of any kind from the law.

1910, ch. 180, sec. 11 (p. 353).

423. After an order has been made by the commission, any party interested therein may apply for a rehearing in respect to any matter determined therein, and the commission may grant and hold such a rehearing if, in its judgment, sufficient reason therefor be made to appear; if a rehearing shall be granted, the same shall be determined by the commission within thirty days after the same shall be finally submitted. Any application for such a rehearing shall not excuse any common carrier, railroad corporation, or street railroad corporation, or any other corporation or company or person, subject to any of the provisions of this sub-title, from complying with or obeying any order, or any requirements of any order of the commission, to operate in any manner to stay or postpone the enforcement thereof, except as the commission may by order direct. If, after such rehearing and consideration of the facts, including those arising since the making of the order, the commission shall be of opinion that the original order, or any part thereof, is in any respect unjust or unwarranted, the commission may abrogate, change or modify the same. An order made for any such rehearing, abrogating, changing or modifying the original order shall have the same force and effect as an original order.