

Mr. Garrett—My object is simply to ascertain what is the point to which I shall address myself before the Committee.

Mr. Williams—The charge is a resolution of mine, not a resolution of Tyson's.

The Chairman—Here are some petitions which have been referred to the Committee, which I will read to you.

[The Chairman here read a few petitions, in support of the charge of Mr. Tyson at the Corn and Flour Exchange.]

Mr. Garrett—May I ask you, as the charge appears chiefly to refer to discrimination, that the gentleman will define what he means by discrimination?

Mr. Tyson—I mean by discrimination, sir, any act by which the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad transport goods from the Eastern cities to the Western waters, or from the Western waters to the Eastern cities, by which the geographical position of Baltimore is ignored. Anything which goes to lessen the advantage of Baltimore as compared with other cities, I consider discrimination.

Mr. Garrett—I understand you, then, to mean, that from any point of competition, the charge to New York ought to be over the charge to Baltimore the difference of cost by water from Baltimore to New York?

Mr. Tyson—The idea I would desire to express is, that produce passing over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to New York, should pay the same per ton per mile that produce does on its passage to Baltimore.

Mr. Garrett—You are aware, as a practicable fact, that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad would under such a uniform theory, retire from the market of Cincinnati and other western competing markets?

Mr. Tyson—The New Yorker is entitled to bring his flour over your road to Baltimore at the same rate that I bring mine, but when the flour arrives at New York, the railroad pay his freight and insure it through. I have to compete with him say in Cincinnati, and of course the difference of gains in the freight and insurance is that much lost in my competition.

Mr. Garrett—I would be obliged by a direct response. If the price from Cincinnati to New York is 1.20, and the rate from Cincinnati to Baltimore is \$1, and the actual cost of transportation from Baltimore to New York is 20 cents per barrel, I ask whether, in your judgment, such a difference is discrimination against Baltimore?

Mr. Tyson—Not if it sets the same amount per ton per mile. My idea of discrimination is, that if the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad carries flour for a New Yorker for less than it does for me, it discriminates against me. Where the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad carries freight over its line from the Ohio river for a New Yorker at less than it carries it for me, it discriminates against me.