

Question. Were these parties, who were connected with you, men of capital and means?

Answer. They were, sir.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Which of them?

Answer. You will see the necessity of my making this statement in form.

Question. You can make your explanation afterwards.

Answer. I will say that from the beginning it was understood that the capital was to come from Philadelphia.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. I will go on and put my questions, and would like you to answer them as briefly as you can, and I have no objection to your making a general statement afterwards.

*The Witness*. I do not want to make my answers so brief as to put me in a false position.

Mr. *Blakistone*. I have no desire to do that.

Mr. *Gordon*. If you will answer these questions in a brief way, you can then have an opportunity to explain and put yourself right.

*The Witness*. The shortest way, I think, would be to make the statement first, and not have it come in as an explanation afterwards.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. You say you expected the capital to come from Philadelphia?

Answer. Certainly; always understood so.

Question. At whose instance was your name used?

Answer. A member of the City Council requested that I should suffer my name to be used as one of the grantees, and I understood at the time that I should be connected with capitalists from the city of Philadelphia, who proposed to furnish this capital for that purpose.

Question. I understood you to say that you was requested by one of the City Council to let him have the use of your name, to be used in the bill for the purpose of procuring this grant, the capital for which would be furnished by Philadelphians?

Answer. He said he was authorized—or he requested me to become one of the grantees, giving me to understand distinctly that the capital was to come from Philadelphia.

Question. Who was that member?

Answer. Mr. Wood.

Question. What inducement was held out to you by Mr. Wood to become one of the grantees?

Answer. No inducement whatever. I did it as an act of friendship, and also because I believed it was the policy of the city of Baltimore to bring capital from other places to be invested in it, and because I believed it would give employment to a large number of the citizens of Baltimore, in the matter of contracts, in constructing the road, and also in operating it. One of the things that commended it to my favorable attention was the fact that capital was to be brought to Baltimore.

Question. After the grant was made by the Council, did you negotiate for the assignment of it?

Answer. Do you mean by that to ask if there was a sale?

Question. Yes, I mean was there a transfer?

Answer. Yes, sir, there was.

Question. Did you or not sign a paper purporting to be an assignment of this grant?

Answer. I did.

Question. Were you consulted about this assignment?

Answer. Certainly I was, or I would not have signed it. After the passage of this ordinance, there was a meeting of the capitalists from the city of Philadelphia with the grantees under the ordinance, and this assignment was made on account of the difficulties that arose in working this matter as a partnership,