

Answer. I think not; nothing of that kind.

Question. You say you refused to answer these questions when they were put to you?

Answer. Most certainly I did.

Question. Were you asked to state whether or not you had an interest in that matter?

Answer. I do not think I was asked that question.

Question. Did you testify in relation to any matter of that kind?

Answer. No sir; I refused to testify to any personal questions before that Committee.

Question. Did you refuse to testify in relation to all matters in regard to fraud?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. You gave no testimony upon that subject?

Answer. No, sir. I recollect this: when they asked the question if I knew of any member of the Council in the passage of that bill, other than myself, I told them that I would answer that question, denying their right to ask it, that I did not know of anything of the kind in relation to other members, but that I refused to answer anything in relation to myself. The Committee was appointed upon a communication from the Mayor of the city, setting out fine specific propositions of what the parties holding this grant had failed to do, and asking the City Council to investigate whether the parties had or had not complied with the provisions of the ordinance. That was all the Committee was appointed for. There had been no charges against the Council, and we had nothing to do with what was charged in the papers.

By the *Chairman*. Question. You say that in debate upon the floor there was no charge of complicity made against any member of the City Council, or that there had been undue means brought to bear upon any member in the passage of this ordinance?

Answer. Not that I ever knew of.

Question. After the Mayor had vetoed the four cent bill, you then introduced a bill for five cents?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. During the pendency of that bill before the City Council, was not there a bill in embryo in the hands of the Joint Committee on Highways, known as the Barnum bill, offering to carry passengers the same distance for three cents?

Answer. No, sir; the Committee on Highways never had anything to do with the three cent bill in any way. The three cent bill was offered in the Council as a substitute.

Question. That paper never was, to your knowledge, before the Joint Committee on Highways?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Or before any other Committee?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. You say such a paper was before the City Council?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Who presented that paper?

Answer. I really do not know. I think it was presented in the Sec-