

Answer. I did. I happened to be present when that assignment was made. I do not think I was requested by any one to witness it, but, happening to be at the table, I took up a pen and signed my name.

Question. What was the actual consideration named in the assignment as the ostensible consideration?

Answer. I cannot answer that question. Each of the grantees received \$500, that is the only consideration I know of, excepting, having an interest in the supervision of the road, in its management and control, as Mr. Travers has stated.

Question. Did you or not, during the pendency of this bill before the City Council, state to members of the Council that, in the event of the passage of this bill and its transfer to Brock & Co., they would be engaged as contractors on behalf of the Company?

Answer. No, sir, I did not; I never made any such statement to any member of the City Council. I advocated the bill, just as I would advocate any other measure before the City Council or the Legislature.

Question. Did you, at the time you were advocating this bill before the City Council, apprise them of the fact that you were advocating it with the view of the assignment of the franchise to citizens of another city?

Answer. I did not. The only conversation I had upon that subject was with Mr. Wood, and it was of the character detailed by him. I stated that the capital would be obtained from there if the ordinance was passed.

Question. You were an active agent?

Answer. I was an advocate; I advocated it earnestly, as I do all measures that I take an interest in.

Question. Did you take Mr. Wood to see Mr. Brock?

Answer. I did, and a conversation ensued as he has detailed it. It was in reference to the proposition, whether the capitalists with whom he was connected would accept a transfer of this road at a four cent fare, whether it could be run profitably at four cents. I do not exactly recollect the conversation, but, so far as I do recollect it, I think Mr. Wood has detailed it strictly correctly.

Question. Did you know, or have you ever stated to any person, that, prior to the passage of the Travers ordinance, the votes of any members of the City Council were influenced by any consideration?

Answer. I have not. I am not aware that any member of the City Council was bought; I never offered to buy one myself; I have no knowledge of any member of the City Council having been bought to vote for this bill.

Question. Have you been a Director upon this road?

Answer. Upon the same terms as Mr. Travers, or all the grantees; I have never been regularly appointed a Director.

By the *Chairman*. Question. You say you were a Director upon that road, upon the same terms as Mr. Travers. He was named in the original ordinance; were you appointed in the same way?

Answer. No, sir; Mr. Travers was asked some questions in reference to a bond, and as to whether certain parties were named in that bond; my name appears in that bond.

The *Chairman*. I understand Mr. Travers to say that that bond was given to the grantees, in consideration that they, the grantees, should make the contracts and to officers of the road.

Wm. H. Travers made the following statement and answers to questions.

The bond was given naming certain parties as the directors to control the contracts, &c., and for that purpose there was a board of directors named, consisting of nine persons altogether, managers or directors, whatever you call them; the five original grantees, and Mr.