

was the purport of the somewhat lengthy interview we had with your Honor upon the subject of the contract which the Mayor and City Council had given us to construct a City Passenger Railway.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

[Signed,]

WM. H. TRAVERS,
WM. S. BROWNING,
ROBERT CATHCART,
WM. DEGOEY,
J. B. SUMWALT.

Question. Was there a consideration named in the assignment?

Answer. I cannot answer.

Question. Do you or not know that \$100,000 was named as the consideration of the assignment from you to Brock & Co.?

Answer. I do not know; I deferred to Mr. Travers, having the utmost confidence not only in his legal ability, but integrity and honor. I submitted the whole matter to him.

Question. I notice you stated in your letter that you stood before the City Council like every other applicant, with a view to reap the benefits; is not that the nature of your communication?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Please to answer then, why you assigned it without consideration?

Answer. I considered it a great benefit to have my name associated with it; I felt a spirit of ambition and took great pleasure in it.

Question. And you presumed all the rest were actuated by the spirit of patriotism?

Answer. Not exactly; but I felt a spirit of pride in it.

Question. Was it simply that?

Answer. That was it.

Question. And you presumed that all the other applicants had in view simply the good of the city?

Answer. I speak only for myself.

Question. You say, "While we do not deny that it was our intention (as we presume it was that of all parties before the Council) to realize the benefits bestowed by the ordinance, it was our design then, as it is now, to do so only by a firm fulfilment of all the requisitions of the contract, to their utmost extent." I simply wish to know what you mean by the word "benefits?"

Answer. I mean the benefit of carrying out a good thing for the city and all parties intrusted—if there was any benefit to inure.

Question. You presumed that was the consideration that controlled all the other applicants before the Council?

Answer. I do not know what the other gentlemen's motives were.

Examined by Mr. Alexander.

Question. Did I understand you to say the assignees had failed to carry out any part of the engagement with you?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. In what particular had they failed?

Answer. They failed in what we regarded as the binding obligation on us.

Question. In every other particular they carried it out?

Answer. I think so, fully and faithfully.

Question. You consider the road well constructed?

Answer. I think it is the best constructed city passenger railway I have ever seen.