

Question. Was there ever any sum of money offered to any member of either Branch for their votes for that bill?

Answer. Not that I know of.

Question. Nothing was given or offered to you?

Answer. Nothing.

By Mr. *Hambleton*. Question. State whether or not, previous to the passage of the bill known as the Travers bill, there was a bill pending before you to run the cars at three cents fare, known as the Barnum and Brooks bill?

Answer. To the best of my recollection, that bill was introduced by Montague, immediately before the passage of the Travers four cent bill.

Question. State whether or not there was time and opportunity offered for you to know of this fact, and of the merits of the Brooks bill, before you voted for the other bill?

Answer. That requires a little explanation. Up to the time of the Travers bill being on its passage, Barnum's bill had been a five cent bill, and I was led to believe that the three cent proposition was done as a parliamentary trick.

*A member of the Committee*. We have the proceedings of the Council, which is evidence in the case, as adopted by the Committee.

Question. Please state then the reasons why you voted for the four cent bill, when a three cent bill was offered?

Answer. I have just stated I had no confidence in the proposition.

Question. How did you lose confidence in it?

Answer. I never had any.

Question. Never had any in the parties offering it?

Answer. Not for the manner in which it was offered; I thought it was done as a trick; done to defeat the bill, knowing that the cars could not be run for that price.

Question. Was there any other bill offering to run the cars for five cents?

Answer. Several.

Question. State one?

Answer. The bill known as the Omnibus bill.

Question. Who were the gentlemen that represented that bill?

Answer. Turner, Robinson, Coleman, Berry, and I believe Mitchell; those are all I recollect.

Question. Did you or not know of the fact that there was an assignment made of this grant?

Answer. I did not.

Question. Did you endeavor to find out which of the two parties was the most responsible?

Answer. I can give you my opinion; I think now and I thought then that the Travers party was the most responsible.

Question. Why did you infer, without any reason, that they were not properly applying?

Answer. From rumors flying around at the time.

Question. Did you go on rumors?

Answer. I did at that time—what I conceived to be good rumors.

Question. I understood you to say you did not know anything at all of the anticipated transfer of this bill?

Answer. Nothing whatever.

Question. Has anything occurred since those rumors by which you can say that Barnum and others had nothing to do with that bill?

Answer. Mr. Beale has told me that Brooks told him, that is all I ground my assertion upon. I could give no particular reason; they were flying rumors.

Question. Did you converse with any of the other friends of the bill previous to its passage, about its merits?