

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Then, in point of fact, he was your Agent in the matter?

Answer. He assisted me.

Question. Did you or not come in direct contact with the grantees about the matter—meet them in person?

Answer. I met them in person.

Question. State whether those grantees demanded of you any consideration for the transfer?

Answer. They did not. I paid them \$500 a piece.

Question. Did you have any difficulty in getting them to make the assignment?

Answer. The only difficulty was about the management of the road.

Question. That was amicably settled at the time?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. What was the service of Gardiner, that was worth that sum, in assisting you to negotiate?

Answer. He was the man I talked to about the grant, and he thought the grant might be purchased of anybody that got it.

Question. Did you pay him \$7,500 for that conversation? I want to know what service you conceived he rendered that induced you to pay him that sum?

Answer. I considered it worth it.

Question. What?

Answer. His assistance to me.

Question. What had it been?

Answer. I have told you what.

Question. Did he see the grantees?

Answer. He did, he assisted me in negotiating. It was a large operation; I thought it pretty cheap.

Question. How often did you meet the parties about the negotiation?

Answer. I cannot say.

Question. Did you meet them twice?

Answer. I think we did.

Question. Three times?

Answer. Possibly three.

Question. Four?

Answer. I do not think we did?

Question. Was Gardiner with you each and every time?

Answer. I cannot say.

Question. Can you state of your own knowledge that Gardiner waited on any one of these individual grantees, or excited himself in any way for your benefit of that matter?

Answer. I cannot say that he waited on them singly.

Question. Was there anything that he did outside of the mere fact of going with you and meeting them there twice—anything beyond that entered into the consideration for which you paid him that money?

Answer. That was all I gave it to him for; if he did anything else it was upon his own responsibility.

Question. Who suggested that?

Answer. I do not recollect whether I did or not.