

done very much in the matter of helping him. 091439

By Mr. Smith:

Q. But did Mr. Jones over and over again ask if you could not get some action - and of course that action was at Ottawa at that time, wasn't it? - A. I couldn't say.

Q. But you are sure of that - Jones was here in 1928 very often? - A. No doubt he did ask me, but I have not done anything.

Q. You were in the Syndicate? - A. I could not do anything. I am not an engineer, and if it is a matter of engineering concern, whether it will interfere with navigation or not -

Q. Senator Raymond, you are not suggesting for a moment that Mr. Jones would be asking a request of you as an engineer to be doing something, because you are not an engineer, and he knew that; no doubt about that? - A. No doubt about that.

Q. So I think we can eliminate any other such request of Jones to you; then what assistance was he asking you for? - A. I don't know that he mentioned anything emphatically.

Q. He says he saw you over and over again - "I certainly asked Senator Raymond over and over again if he could not do something to get some action." Now, what were those conversations? - A. He asked me if I could do something, and I told him no - I presume so.

Q. Then he asked you again if you could do something, and you told him no? - A. I again told him no.

Q. He was very persistent, apparently? - A. Yes, and I was the same, persistent in saying I could not do anything.

Q. You constantly, through your associate, Mr. Jones, said no; did you give him any reason? - A. No.

Q. He is an able business man, is he not, Mr. Raymond? - A. Yes.

Hon. Mr. CANNON: Do you know him personally?

Mr. SMITH: No, I do not know him, but I understand he is able and persistent.

Mr. MANN: And Scotch.

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Q. Perhaps the measure of his persistence and intelligence is that he continued to ask you to do something, and you merely said no? - A. I could not do anything.

Q. Cannot you remember any more of his conversations? - A. No.