

Q. What is his business?—A. He is a hotel-keeper.

Q. How long did you pay him \$300 a week?—A. I do not remember. It was subsequently reduced to \$200 a week, and then when his services terminated it ceased to be paid.

Q. What were the services?—A. He rendered a number of services for us of a special character that the board of directors directed him to render.

By the Hon. Mr. Béique:

Q. State the nature of them?—A. Some in connection with some real estate and property we had, and some in connection with matters of interest connected with our rights to do business and the question of doing business and so forth in the states of the Union.

Q. As to the real estate?—A. Simply looking after certain interests in our building and real estate. After Worcester died, he had charge of that part of the business.

By the Hon. Mr. McSweeney:

Q. He had a sort of roaming commission?—A. Yes, to do certain things for us.

By Mr. Coster, K.C., Counsel for the Committee:

Q. Did he abandon his hotel business?—A. He did not.

By the Hon. Mr. Wilson:

Q. Did you pay his travelling expenses when he went round?—A. I did not mean to say he was travelling around very much, but the payments to him covered everything.

By Mr. Coster, K.C., Counsel for the Committee:

Q. He remained at home in his hotel?—A. He remained in New York most of the time.

Q. At his hotel?—A. I do not know how that was.

Q. And that is all you can say of what the services were?—A. That is all.

Q. And you say you do not know of his having loaned the president \$6,000?—

A. I do not know.

Q. Did you ever hear of it?—A. Only as Wells has told me that he did.

Q. How much was Edward Lauterbach paid for his services in the department in that year?—A. I do not know that he was paid anything specially for his services in the department. He was retained as attorney, and paid his bills, but what the amount was, I do not know.

Q. Was Edward Lauterback paid \$20,000 a year?—A. Mr. Lauterback was retained by the executive committee, consisting, as I recollect, of Mr. Wells, Mr. Burnham and myself for a certified specified retainer for services to be rendered. I have not refreshed my memory in regard to it, and cannot say what the amount was.

Q. Will you say he did not get \$20,000?—A. It was a very considerable amount, as an attorney of his standing naturally would receive, but what the amount was, I cannot state.

Q. Would it be twenty thousand dollars?—A. I cannot state from memory now what it was. I have no doubt Mr. Wells has a copy of it and if it is here I have no doubt it is correct.

Q. Will you swear it was less than \$20,000?—A. I will not swear as to what it was. It was a very considerable amount.

By the Hon. Mr. Wilson:

Q. What sum would you consider a considerable amount? Fifteen or twenty-five thousand dollars?—A. It would depend on the services.