

—and without a moment's hesitation, he said "\$100." I said—do you imagine that I am so simple that I am going to hand you out permits in the way you imagine it can be done? I refused to give them to him. I told Mr. Coldwell that.

"I can also state emphatically that I did not make any of the statements which Mr. Coldwell says I made about Mr. McMurray. Mr. McMurray's election was in 1925, two years before I came into the Department, and I knew nothing about Mr. McMurray's transactions with the Department, if any took place, and since I came into the Department I have had no dealings with Mr. McMurray, directly or indirectly.

"In reference to the statement about my becoming a millionaire—that was, of course, not said seriously. It just came out of what had been said about the young lawyer and the \$100 fee.

"I can say that the only thing I said from which Mr. Coldwell could get the impression that money was being received improperly, was what I told him about the lawyer.

"In reference to any conversation about general trafficking in permits—when I came into the Department, I knew nothing about it whatever, but very soon after I came in, this case came up where this young man admitted to me that he was getting \$100 for each permit, and that put me on my guard and perhaps made me suspicious of all applications in large numbers. I had no knowledge whatever, that there was any general trafficking, but I just thought if this young man could get \$100 for these permits, why might it not be that other people who were applying, could do the same thing. That was the only idea I had of general trafficking, and it was in this connection that I was explaining to Mr. Coldwell how careful I had to be. I can say now, that I had no knowledge, by admission or otherwise, of any other case but this one, in which money was being received for permits."

That, Mr. Chairman, is the statement that I have prepared this afternoon.

The CHAIRMAN: Any questions?

*By Mr. Cahan:*

Q. Mr. Forke, would you please explain just a little more clearly with regard to the circumstances under which the young lawyer of whom you spoke came to you? Did he have permits in his possession or were they applications for permits which he had?—A. Mr. Chairman, I will probably be asked what was the name of this young man.

Q. No, I am not questioning you about that.—A. They were applications for permits.

Q. Were they applications which he was presenting to you and which you refused?—A. Yes.

Q. So that you granted no permits to this young man who made the application?—A. No.

*By Mr. Fansher (Last Mountain):*

Q. Did he lead you to believe that he had got other applications filled out previously to his coming to you?—A. No. I might say that I do not think he had, or he would not have made such a frank admission as he did make.

Q. How then, did you get the idea from him that these permits were worth \$100 to him?—A. He told me so.

Q. Must he not have been securing permits in some manner or other at some time in order to know the value of them?—A. I cannot say. That is his own affair.

[Hon. Mr. Forke.]