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MR. MATIAS: Is there any other member of the public who wishes to be heard?  
Yes, sir? Can you state your full name and address for the record, please.

MR. BULLOCK: Glenn Bullock.

MR. MATIAS: All right.

MR. BULLOCK: I am father to the boy that just testified. My farm adjoins his on the south. I have been through this before, so some of you probably know me, if they aren't all dead by now.

I went through this in 1941. Of course, that's going back too far for you fellows, probably. However, I think it is in black and white that when this line was completed two years after the war, it was to be taken down. This was right at the time of Pearl Harbor and everybody was signing on.

Of course, they didn't want the Japs to take it. They never come out very good on that condemnation afterwards. About eight years ago, they come in and cut the trees and they wanted 50 feet more on the east side down through. Well, we formed the Taxpayers Association, about 40 of us. I was vicepresident of the company.

We fought it out here in the courts for five days right here in Canton. These meetings are on such short notice, I didn't know about it until about an hour before it started. I didn't even get to shave. I see some of them got long whiskers, longer than mine, so I feel perfectly in order and I am all set.

Well, anyway, the power line goes right through my barnyard. We protested it from being any bigger because now every time it snows, you can hear it right down to the house. There's a little grove back up behind the barn where the trees are and every time it snows, it has an effect on the television and everything.

Well, this land of mine, I hope you fellows haven't gotten it yet. I hope you haven't gotten this 50 acres, because it is in the Appellate Division. It was appealed and carried to court.

You can't build a line on land that is in the courts. On the old line when I was there you tore down my bridges and everything else. I never got no compensation from none of you and I want to tell you one thing, when you come north through Edwards and Hermon and Russell, you are coming to the best land there is in the State for farming. There is none better.

When I listened to television last night on the food crisis, I think you boys better wake up and keep what land we've got. If that isn't as good enough an argument as I can put up, I don't know what to say. This is a beautiful valley down through here.

The Scotch people came in and settled years ago -- some of them were Irish and that is what I happen to be. My father was born over in Ireland and they come over in 1860. There was a food shortage over there and they had America to come to.

I am telling you, by God, boys, we ain't got but one America to go to, the one we got right here, I would like to know -- there isn't anybody who loves it any more than I do. That girl that belonged to that Luther King was on television one night. She's 19 years old. I am telling you, she is a bright and active young girl. She said her forefathers come over to this country in different ships, but now we are all in the same boat together. I want you fellows to keep in mind that we are all in the same boat together. We've got to have this land for food. We can't tear up some of the best lands in the State.

Even Rockefeller said we have got to build these roads and they shouldn't take any more of this valuable land. Thousands of acres are going out of production every day with power lines and new schoolhouses and whatnot, and you fellows had better commence to wake up after awhile. We can't have these power lines driving us out of business.

Just as the boy testified, he has a brand new house that was built six or eight years. He has got a beautiful home. He has got 159 acres, one of the best dairy farms in the county.

You better be careful how much more you take out of production because we have got about 6,000 acres, me and the boys. I have worked hard to get it. You went through my farms way back, quite a few years, and you thought you could take all you like, tear down fences and do what you believed, cut trees or anything else, and compensated us for nothing.

The little bit the former owner got wasn't hardly enough to bring him to Canton and back.

And the licking you took in Massena the other day, I think it would be a fair example of how other people are beginning to feel against this. I thank you, and I want to come tomorrow if I can get this attorney of mine interested in it. I would like to block this thing from stem to st rn. That's the way I feel.

MR. MATIAS: Does anyone wish to be heard? (No response.) I gather not. It's about 12:25. This might be a good place to go to lunch... We'll meet back at 2:00 o'clock. All right.

(Whereupon, luncheon recess was taken at 12:25 o'clock p.m. and reconvened at 2:05 o'clock p.m.)

