

Laurens wanted was the two roads to be so placed as to compete with each other for business. He thought the result then would be more satisfactory and the people would receive better accommodations and more prompt attention. In reference to the Passenger Station Mr. Gray stated that the waiting rooms at the Union Depot were too small, he had often seen them crowded, that the general appearance of the Passenger Station building was unsightly and by no means creditable to the town. This present depot he regarded as very badly located for the convenience and safety of the public.

Returning to the joint Agent matter, Mr. Gray insisted that the joint Agency arrangement at Laurens destroyed all competitions there for business. He also explained that Laurens was a transfer station for traffic moving from and beyond Laurens.

Mr. W. G. Childs, President of the C. N. & L. Railroad, said he was willing to separate Agency if the C. & W. C. Company would move out. That the freight depot was owned by the C. & W. C. road and the C. N. & L. railroad jointly. He thought Laurens ought to have a better Union Depot; would be willing to join the C. & W. C. R. R. Company in building a suitable depot later on, when his Company was able to bear the expenses. He did not see how it was practicable to abandon present freight depot. His Company had contributed much to Laurens prosperity.

Mr. A. W. Anderson, General Superintendent of the C. & W. C. Railroad, said that a new Union Depot Passenger Station was needed at Laurens. He referred to the time about twelve years ago, when a very much smaller depot was used at Laurens. Since then he claims about \$30,000 in improvements had been spent by the railroads at Laurens. Some eight years ago present Passenger Depot was built as ordered by the Commission. He thought the people in the city of Laurens were within their rights in presenting their petition to the Commission. The question for the Commission to decide is—"Are the railroads able to build these depots?" Mr. Anderson submitted some figure as to the financial condition of his road and referred to the losses sustained by his Company on account of the flood last summer. These damages the Company was forced to repair at once. He said if the people would wait until his Company has the money he would join the building new passenger depot, his Company not being able to do so now. He claimed that he was spending every cent of earnings on improving the road bed. Heavier rail was needed and his Company desired to put the road in first class condition which he thought most important. He stated that the C. & W. C. road, with the exception of one or two years, has spent every cent of its earnings in improving its property. He referred to the fact that Laurens was still using the same Court House that she occupied sixty one years ago. He thought the present depot cost something like \$3000.00 and the sheds an additional \$1,700.00. He submitted the following statement:

Number of tickets sold at Laurens by C. N. & L. R. R. during the month of November 1908 1,696
 December, 1908 2,059
 January 1909 1,837

Total for three months 5,592

Number of tickets sold at Laurens by C. & W. C. R. R. during month of November 1908 3,357
 December 1908 3,058
 January 1909 2,951

Total sale of tickets 9,366

Total number of tickets sold by the two roads during the months named, 11,958.

Mr. Anderson stated that the amount of business at Laurens was not enormous; other stations on his line do much more business than Laurens. He insisted that the joint Agency arrangement was the most convenient for the patrons of the two roads, that it enabled the patrons to get their freight all at one depot and at a point convenient to consignees and shippers. His Company had no complaints from about the service or its Agent there; it was to correct any troubles that may arise.

Dr. H. K. Aiken further said that Agent Gasque was all right; that he was joint freight and passenger agent. They needed "two Gasques;" more help at both depots. The employees of the railroads, he stated, were all satisfactory and do all they can to serve the people but that the business increases monthly and the working force in them remains the same size.

Mr. W. L. Gray made the further statement that Laurens claimed 7,000 inhabitants. He explained the difficulty at Laurens of handling and shipping cotton. Said shippers could not get receipts for cotton until it was loaded and this owing to the inconvenient arrangement of placing cars at warehouses, often causing

serious delays and locking up money in the banks. Formerly, he said, cotton was loaded at the expense of the railroad but now the system has been changed and is now loaded at the expense of shippers.

Dr. W. H. Dial said his town, Laurens, had outgrown the present passenger depot; the present depot was inadequate to accommodate the public and dangerously located on the wrong side of the track. He thought the passenger depot should be on the west side of the track opposite its present location.

After this hearing the Commission adjourned to inspect the yards, tracks and depot at Laurens.

J. M. Sullivan,
 Acting Secretary.

Order No. 72.
 March 18th, 1909.
 File No. 1707.

Petition: Laurens Chamber of Commerce, for separation of freight agencies and freight depots, and the building of a new Union Passenger Station at Laurens, South Carolina, by the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Railroad and the Charleston & Western Carolina Railway Companies.

The petitioners in this matter having appeared before the Railroad Commission of South Carolina and filed a complaint with petition, bearing date February 5th, 1909 a hearing and investigation of the entire matter was ordered by the Commission at Laurens, S. C. on February 24th, 1909 due notice being given to W. G. Childs, President of the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Railroad Company, and A. W. Anderson, General Superintendent of the Charleston & Western Carolina Railroad Company. Like notice being served upon the petitioners. This hearing was held as ordered, the entire Commission with President Childs, General Superintendent Anderson and various members of Laurens Chamber of Commerce, present. Statement was submitted by representatives of the Laurens Chamber of Commerce in support of the petition. Superintendent Anderson and President Childs submitted answers to the complaint.

These statements from petitioners and the answer of the railroad authorities are briefly given in a separate report of this meeting attached to file in the office of the Commission.

It appears from the evidence taken at this hearing that the two railroad companies involved are agreed that a Union Passenger Station is needed at Laurens, S. C.

From personal investigation by the Commission, it appears that the present passenger business done at Laurens justifies very decided improvements at that point for the convenience and comfort of the public. The present passenger depot is, in the opinion of the Commission, inadequate as to size, and inconveniently and dangerously located. That the present Union Passenger Depot is of such construction and general appearance as to be discreditable to the owners and possibly to the community in which it is located. Therefore, it is ordered.

1. That the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Railroad Company and the Charleston & Western Carolina Railway Company be, and are hereby required, to erect or cause to be erected, a new Union Passenger Depot with proper and reasonable accommodations and conveniences, and of sufficient size to accommodate the public in the City of Laurens at such junctional point as may hereafter be agreed upon as most desirable for the public convenience and safety.

2. That the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Railway Company and the Charleston & Western Carolina Company be given until December 15th, 1909 to erect and complete this new depot at Laurens.

3. That blue print plan of this proposed depot be submitted to the Commission for inspection, before work on said depot begins.

In regard to that part of the petition from the Laurens Chamber of Commerce which asks the Commission to require the C. N. & L. R. R. Co. "to maintain separate depots," the Commission is without authority. The Commission has authority, however, to require "sufficient warehouses and platform facilities" to serve the needs of the public at Laurens, and authority to require railroad companies to employ sufficient help for the conduct of railway business at that station. Therefore, without dismissing any part of this petition which relates to freight service at Laurens, the Commission will, for the present, hold this matter open for further investigation and such action as may be warranted by the circumstances.

John H. Earle, Chairman
 J. M. Sullivan B. L. Caughman, Commissioners.
 T. B. Lumpkin, Secretary.

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 County of Laurens,
 Court of Common Pleas.

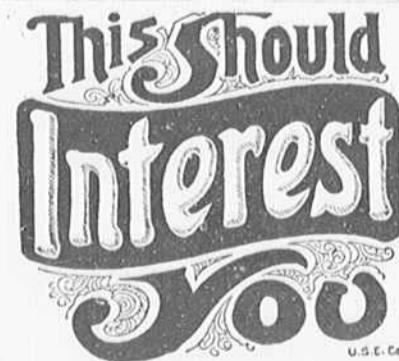
E. W. Martin, Plaintiff, Against Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Defendant.

To the defendant above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in the above stated action, which was filed in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas for the county of Laurens, in the State of South Carolina, on the 6 day of February, 1909, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, F. P. McGowan, at his office at Laurens, South Carolina, within twenty days from service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Laurens, S. C., 6 day of Feb., 1909. F. P. MCGOWAN, Plaintiff's Attorney.
 JOHN F. BOLT, C. C. C. P. L. C. S. C. 31-61

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