

CEMENT CASE WILL BE ENDED TODAY

Closing Arguments Being Made and Meeting Expected to Be Held Today.

GRAND JURY PROBE IS ON

Charges That Collusive Bids for Government Supplies Have Been Made Are Under Investigation by Federal Body.

The hearing before Federal Judge Wolverton of the application of Aman Moore, vice-president and treasurer of the Oregon Portland Cement Company, for a temporary restraining order...

After two days had been devoted to reading of affidavits by both sides, the case went to argument yesterday. W. W. Cotton, for the defendant, was talking when Judge Wolverton adjourned court at 5 o'clock.

The purpose of Aman Moore's injunction proceedings is to prevent the defendants from controlling this meeting through proxies and taking action to dismiss the \$1,000,000 suit for damages brought by him, as vice-president of the Oregon company, on August 22, against these defendants and 14 different cement companies.

Mr. Moore fears ousting. In the event that they can control the stockholders' meeting, it has been Mr. Moore's contention in his application for an injunction that they would remove him as vice-president and instruct the directors to dismiss the damage suit, which charges the defendants and the 14 cement companies with having entered into unlawful combinations in restraint of trade and to keep up prices, and with the purpose of ruling or ruining the Oregon plant.

In the meantime, the separate Government investigation of the alleged unlawful trade combinations of these same cement companies is in the hands of the new Federal grand jury. Several witnesses were heard yesterday. Many more are to be called. The grand jury subpoenas, it is understood, having been served on persons believed to have information as to the affairs of the alleged "trust."

It is further understood, although United States Attorney Reames declined flatly to discuss the case at all, that one of the serious charges the grand jury is taking up has to do with an alleged conspiracy to fraud the Government by making collusive bids for supplying cement on Government works. Among the concerns involved was the same 14 used in Mr. Moore's damage action.

Federal Bids Considered. Evidence will be heard by the grand jury bearing on bids received for a large quantity of cement for the Government for construction work on the Cello Canal, in the Columbia River, above The Dalles. The quality of cement involved is understood to have been several hundred thousand barrels.

In its investigation the grand jury will consider suspicious circumstances in connection with the bids received from various cement companies. After deduction of freight rates, it is understood that many of these bids are almost exactly the same figure.

Similar coincidences in bids for cement brought by the Government for reclamation projects are also to be investigated.

Stock Holdings Made Public. In the course of the opening argument for the company yesterday in Mr. Moore's injunction application, it developed that Mr. Moore's holdings in the company total 125 shares of preferred and 532 shares of common stock; the holdings of R. P. Butchart, president and one of the defendants, are 257 shares of preferred and 1,000 shares of common stock; those of A. S. Butchart, 218 preferred and 150 common; those of D. M. Butchart, 118 preferred and 500 common.

Mr. Burnett declared that Franklin T. Griffith, J. C. Alsworth and Edward Cookingham, three proxies whom the defendants declare are absolutely neutral and who have entered affidavits that they are not instructed as to how to vote some 8000 shares for which proxies have been made out in their names, would have a point of view as wealthy men and directors of big corporations making it impossible for a minority stockholder to obtain justice from them.

Wrong-Doing Not Charged. He explained that he had no thought of charging them with any intent at wrong-doing, but that their conduct, he insisted, could not be otherwise, owing to their business connections, than favorable to the defendants.

John N. Smith, who followed, devoted his argument to questions of law. He was followed by W. W. Cotton, for the defense.

Mr. Cotton declared that the court had no jurisdiction. He said no law had ever been passed preventing any man from holding as much stock as he pleases in any corporation that he sees fit. He declared, further, that the directors of a corporation have the inalienable right to perform their functions as directors independent of any court of equity.

But if this court grants an injunction...

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PRINCIPAL IN FIGHT AGAINST CEMENT COMPANY OFFICERS AND TWO ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING HIM.



Above—Aman Moore, Who Brought the Suit. Below, at Left—Earl V. Morrow, who recently returned from 15 months' work in the Belgian hospitals as one of the chief surgeons of the American Red Cross.

War Talk Thrills Dr. Morrow Tells Business Men of Belgian Red Cross Work.

Other Speakers Heard New Manager of Multnomah Believes Owners Think Hotel Good Investment—Johnny Coulson Says Hat Still in Ring.

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