TESTIMONY BOOSTS CASE

Allegation Stage Argument When Time Limit for Testimony is Over-topped by Counsel.

Rate of 9 Per Ton from Portland to Detroit in 1911 Was 9 Cents Per Mile, Mr. Hart Testifies

There was no reason why the joint rates in the grain trade from Portland to Idaho and Oregon points, as well as to the eastern states and from those points to the Pacific coast, should not be made equal, Mr. Fred Hart testified before the Grain Commission today, in opposition to the proposal to establish separate and unequal tariffs for the grain trade from Portland.

Mr. Hart, who is general manager of the Great Northern Railway at Portland, company, brought as evidence the following data showing that the rates charged by the Great Northern Railway on grain since 1903 are 9 cents per mile, based on a rate of 9 cents per ton.

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Mr. Hart said that in the grain trade from Portland to the eastern states and from those states to the Pacific coast, there was no reason why the rates charged by the Great Northern Railway should not be equal.

He added that the Great Northern Railway had made a thorough study of the grain trade and had come to the conclusion that the rates charged were just and reasonable.

He said that the Great Northern Railway had been in the grain trade for many years and had a great deal of experience in it.

Mr. Hart concluded by saying that the Great Northern Railway was ready to submit to the commission any evidence that it might require in order to establish a just and reasonable rate for the grain trade.