

Decision No. 11273.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the operation of)
G. LAWRENCE RITCHIE of an automobile)
stage line as a common carrier of)
freight and passengers between San)
Diego, Warner's Springs, Montezuma,)
Oak Grove and mountain resorts in)
the vicinity.)

Case No. 1823.

Warren E. Libby for G. Lawrence Ritchie.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at San Diego in the above entitled case, being an order upon G. Lawrence Ritchie to show cause why the right to transport freight and passengers between San Diego, Warner's Hot Springs and other mountain points should not be revoked because of failure to render passenger service.

On the occasion of the hearing upon Application No. 7946 by Mr. Ritchie to sell and Pickwick Stages, Inc., to purchase operative right covering transportation of passengers between Santa Ysabel and Warner's Hot Springs the testimony was to the effect that the passenger service had not been instituted by Mr. Ritchie or Mr. C. E. Means, his predecessor in title.

It now clearly appears, however, that while a passenger service by separate passenger stage was not placed in operation, Mr. Ritchie has at all times transported on his freight truck such passengers as offered themselves for transportation, but has made no effort to develop a passenger business but has devot-

ed his attention almost exclusively to the freight business. It appears, however, that he has not refused transportation to anyone. Passengers are carried only at rare intervals because passenger service in passenger stages has for a long time been rendered by Pickwick Stages, Inc.

It further appears from the testimony herein that Mr. Ritchie is rendering the only public freight service between San Diego and Warner's Hot Springs, operating a 2-1/2 ton truck two round trips per week and is carrying an average load of 2-1/2 tons each way each trip.

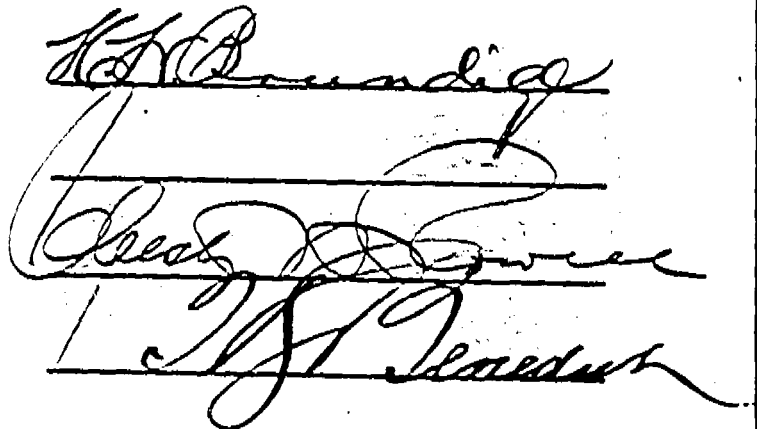
It does not appear from the testimony submitted that there is any occasion or public need for revoking the operative right in question.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled case, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Order to Show Cause herein be and it is hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of November, 1922.



Commissioners.