

Decision No. 35046

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, for a Renewal of)
License as a Motor Carrier) Application No. 24191
Transportation Agent.)

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, in propria persona

R. S. CROSSLAND, for Transportation Department
of the Railroad Commission of the State
of California

JAMES GUNN, for Board of Public Utilities and
Transportation of the City of Los Angeles

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By this application William H. Johnson seeks a renewal of his license to do business as a motor carrier transportation agent. Public hearing was held before Examiner Loughran in Los Angeles on February 20, 1942.

Since October, 1941, applicant has been operating as a motor carrier transportation agent at 239 East 7th Street, Los Angeles, California, under authority of a license issued to him by the Railroad Commission in its Decision No. 34702. Several witnesses testified concerning the method in which applicant conducted his business under said license and their testimony revealed a number of undesirable practices.

On February 5, 1942, a riot occurred in applicant's place of business when he and his assistant physically assaulted one of the inhabitants of a nearby mission establishment. One person was injured and to restore order it became necessary for officers of the Los Angeles Police Department to arrest applicant.

Two persons testified that during the course of arguments

relative to the return of deposits, applicant pointed a loaded revolver at them and threatened to kill them. At times applicant has partaken of an excess of intoxicating liquors during business hours and passengers testified that upon such occasions he used profane and abusive language and became very insulting toward them.

Applicant testified that his place of business is located in a rough part of town and contends that each day fifty or more undesirable persons will be "hanging around" his waiting room. Some such persons become intoxicated and it is then necessary to use physical force to expel them. This, of course, causes a public disturbance.

After a full consideration of all the facts of record in this proceeding the Commission is of the opinion and finds that applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a license as a motor carrier transportation agent and his application for renewal of such license will, therefore, be denied.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, evidence having been received, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED, that the application of William H. Johnson for renewal of his license as a motor carrier transportation agent be, and the same is, hereby denied.

This order shall become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of February, 1942.

Justus J. Praeger
Paul A. Rieley
Francis J. Dabney
Richard Backus
COMMISSIONERS