

Mr. McCoy. I did not ask you whether you did or not. Did you see the machine there?

Mr. BUSHNELL. Certainly.

Mr. McCoy. Do you know whether or not it is the fact that a special lot of those machines are set aside in the Chicago post office geared so as to run thick mail through them?

Mr. BUSHNELL. I do not.

Mr. McCoy. I show you an envelope which reads: "If not delivered in five days, notify us and postage will be sent for return. H. L. Barber & Co., Great Northern Building, Chicago." It has on it a canceled stamp and a postmark. Have you any idea what kind of a machine that ran through?

Mr. BUSHNELL (after examining envelope). No, sir.

Mr. McCoy. Does that postmark indicate that the kind of machine required by law was used to cancel it?

Mr. BUSHNELL. I do not see anything about it that is in violation of law.

Mr. McCoy. Does the law require that the hour of canceling shall appear on it in any way?

Mr. BUSHNELL. Not on circular matter at 1 cent.

Mr. McCoy. Does the law require that only what appears on there shall appear?

Mr. BUSHNELL. As I understand it, only on first-class matter. I am not posted on the law in that respect. Circular matter, however, is not postmarked, as a rule, as to the date in large offices—that is, the 1-cent mail.

Mr. BRITT. The Outlook envelope, for instance?

Mr. BUSHNELL. Yes; 1-cent postage, third-class matter.

Mr. McCoy. I read from section 566 the following regulation, from page 276 of the Postal Laws and Regulations for 1902—has that ever been amended, Mr. Britt?

Mr. BRITT. Yes; it has been amended from time to time in the form of inserts. Is that the body or the inserts that you are reading from?

Mr. McCoy. This is the body.

Mr. BRITT. Well, let me see [examining his own copy]. It has been amended, Mr. McCoy.

Mr. McCoy. How does it read now?

Mr. BRITT (reading):

Paragraph 1 of section 566 of the Postal Laws and Regulations, edition of 1902, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All mail matter, except that of the second class mailed by publishers and news agents without stamps affixed and identical pieces of matter of third and fourth classes without postage stamps affixed mailed under the provisions of section 483½ (order of the Postmaster General, No. 1052, dated Sept. 20, 1904), deposited in any post office for mailing, must bear on the address side a postmark giving name of post office, name or abbreviation of the State, and, on first-class matter, the date of dispatch, the hour thereof if the office be supplied with an hour-dating stamp. All classes of correspondence addressed to foreign countries must be impressed at the mailing office with a stamp indicating the office of origin and date of posting. No offices are exempt from the requirements of this section."

Mr. McCoy. May I see it, please? Was that the law in the month of December, 1912?

Mr. BRITT (handing his copy to Mr. McCoy). Yes; what is read there is the law.