

HOGARTH SUES TRACTION MEN FOR LARGE SUM

J. B. Hogarth, former general superintendent of the Chicago Railways Co., filed a \$100,000 damage suit against John M. Roach, John H. Larkin, H. L. Beach, William Quinlan and William Taber yesterday. He makes these allegations in the declaration:

1. Hogarth was fired from his big job through a conspiracy between John M. Roach, president of the company; John H. Larkin and H. L. Beach, division superintendents, and William Quinlan and William Taber, officers of the street car men's union.

2. Hogarth was threatening to spoil graft Roach was getting through contracts in lubricating oil, scrap iron and improper vouchers, and Roach secretly paid \$2,000 to Quinlan and Taber of the car men's union to threaten a strike and stir up such a mess that Roach would be justified in throwing Hogarth out of his job.

Both Quinlan and Taber say they have no fear of Hogarth's suit being heard in court, that Hogarth discharged men right and left and ruled with such an iron hand that the men would have gone on strike even if there had been no union or officers.

On Beach the allegation is:

"That Roach was indebted to Beach for favors when Beach was a newspaper man, that Beach helped Roach mould public opinion through the newspapers in favor of the various concessions and privileges desired by Roach and the street railway companies and that to reward Beach, he, Roach, has caused Beach's employment by the Chicago Railways Co."

Allegation of graft against Roach is:

"Roach was purchasing lubricating oils and greases used by the company from his personal friends, and the operating costs per 1,000 car miles was for such lubricating oils 45 cents, while in other cities the usual cost for the same materials was 22 cents per 1,000 car miles.

"That under Roach the cost of in-

candescent lamps used upon cars of the Chicago Railways Co. averaged 29 cents per 1,000 miles, while in other large cities similar lamps performed similar services at a cost of 14 cents per 1,000 car miles.

"That one Morris purchased through Blair the scrap metal of the company and Blair (Henry A.) alleged to the plaintiff he knew there was graft in the scrap transaction.

"That lumber dealers complained of orders given to friends of Roach, notwithstanding the fact that complaining dealers made low bids, even below cost price."

Hogarth charges that when he started an investigation of these prices for all stuff bought by the company it was then that Roach got a plot working to tie up the road in a strike so that Hogarth could be fired.

Shortly before this Hogarth had told Henry A. Blair, chairman board of directors, C. R. C., that Roach took \$206,000 improperly from the company treasury Sept. 1, 1908, in three vouchers for \$65,000, \$66,000 and \$75,000.

He also says that John H. Larkins, formerly president of Division 241 of the car men's organization "had done many favors for Roach while president of the organized employes" and was a company man.

Larkin has friends among members of the car men's union who deny that he has played anything but a straight game. Many of the most active members of the union say they will be glad to see all of Hogarth's allegations brought out in court.



If a recipe calls for sour milk and there is none at hand, sweet milk may be soured by adding a little vinegar or lemon juice and letting the mixture stand for a few hours.



Some people would never be happy unless they felt they had more happiness than anybody else.—Cincinnati Enquirer,