

LOOKS LIKE A REAL 'BUS LINE WILL HIT OUR TOWN

Here are signs that show the motor 'bus is coming to Chicago and the people will ride to work in automobiles for a nickel or a dime:

Ald. Merriam will ask the transportation committee of the city council to inquire and report on what the motor 'bus can do to help out the overcrowding of street cars.

Judge Clarence N. Goodwin announces he is in favor of the city buying 'buses and running a line of them. He saw them used in London, where there are 14,000, and is strong for the plan.

Wm. E. Rodriguez, aldermanic candidate in the Fifteenth Ward, will make his campaign for election with a promise that he will try to get a city-owned and operated line of 'buses.

Edward F. Dunne, Jr., son of Gov. Dunne, believes the public utilities commission will grant him a certificate of convenience and necessity, so that the company he represents can go ahead and run a line of 'buses. Senator Samuel Ettelson and the concern he has organized also expect to get their certificate and run a line.

The newspapers backing the two different subway projects are spreading the impression that the son of Gov. Dunne is trying to get an exclusive franchise and get a clutch on a monopoly of all motor 'bus business in Chicago.

"We are not asking any special privilege," said Dunne, Jr., today, "and the idea that we are after exclusive rights is all bosh. When the public utilities commission returns from Springfield next week I shall go before the commission and show that a motor 'bus line is needed. Chicago is the only large city in America or Europe that does not have this 'bus transportation. We are behind the times in this. I shall not even try to present any evidence to the commission showing the deplor-

able conditions on the surface and elevated lines.

"If they don't already understand that all street cars are overcrowded and filthy, I will ask them to go out and try to get on any downtown car during the rush hour."

U. S. ARMY JUDGE OVERRULES ACTION OF WILSON

By Gilson Gardner.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—The judge advocate general of the U. S. army has overruled the president of the United States in the case of Private Clarence L. George. When this soldier was pardoned it was announced from the White House that the memorandum signed by the president read: "Pardoned with pay." The instructions which went to the War Department from the president called for the repayment to Private George of the pay and allowances which were confiscated as a result of his court martial. Now the president has been informed that this is impossible. The judge advocate general has rendered an opinion that the president of the United States himself is unable to undo an injustice which has been done. Money which Private George should have received in pay and allowances has been turned back in the treasury of the United States and nothing short of an act of Congress can get that money for ex-Private George.

The only hope George has is in a special act of Congress, and nobody ever heard of a poor man who ever got a special act through Congress. In the meantime, George is stranded in Charlottesville, Va., equipped with an expert knowledge of telegraphy, but, owing to the injustice of the army system, turned out penniless and without even the army clothes which were confiscated when he was sent to Leavenworth for writing a letter to Secretary to the President Tamuly complaining of treatment he had received in the army.