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Your certification for 50,000 barrels additional oil daily to Texas Railroad Commission for March, over signature of Mr. Ralph Davies, calls for sweet oil from major-dominated Gulf Coast. Recent Tariff Commission report showed highest profit margins in state ~~there~~ *in that district.*

Other areas in Texas produce this type of oil and independent producers charge it discrimination unless able to share in market and ~~available~~

~~equitably~~ equitably in government-owned War Emergency Pipeline from Longview. Sufficient pipeline capacity to transport this oil to the line.

Appeal to Railroad Commissioners brought answer their hands were tied under your directives. They further stated that companies asked for more oil one day from certain Coastal pools, then received directives ~~for~~ ^(C) for

~~such~~ such next day from Washington. *(rather quick service for the majors stop)*

(It has never happened to the independents)
Committees controlling these recommendations major-dominated and their

gradually action ~~fully~~ making the independent oil producer extinct. These committees under your ~~setup~~ *direction*

Under your directive, Gulf Coast would have 25 per cent allowable oil in Texas. Other districts ~~shrinking~~ shrinking and there must be relief if

independent is to ^{survive} receive. *Still they say we are fighting the war*
(well)

for the Liberty of our
People - just what we
do they mean
when they say our
People - Certainly
not the Independent
Oil operators stop
June marches and stop
so do the Majors.

Running on the
Gannett Fleet

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