

CONFERENCE ON WHEAT MARKETING.

Washington, D. C., May 24th, 1920. At the call of Julius Barnes, President of the United States Grain Corporation, a conference was held in Washington on the 19th of May to consider what means could be adopted to facilitate the marketing of the balance of wheat now in the hands of the farmers and the elevators of the country, and also as to the marketing of the new crop. At this meeting there were representatives of the railroads, bankers and grain dealers. A number of United States Senators and a few Representatives in Congress were also invited. Among these was Congressman Dick T. Morgan of Oklahoma. Referring to the meeting, Mr. Morgan said:

"There were about 50 men present at this conference. The general concensus of opinion was that there were three difficulties in the way of marketing the wheat now on hand, and the new crop. One of these was the lack of transportation facilities; another was the lack of credit; and the other was the unusual hazard of engaging in the grain business. Apparently, there was an honest desire on the part of these men to overcome these difficulties. In my opinion there is grave danger that the price paid for the new wheat crop will not be anything like what it should be on account of the lack of marketing facilities. It is certainly well, therefore, that the wheat farmers should, through organization and the providing of credit and storage facilities, place themselves in a position to protect their interests in the best manner possible."

AID TO COOPERATION AMONG FARMERS.

The bill to encourage cooperation among farmers in the marketing of their wheat and other farm products and to remove any doubt as to whether these organizations would come under the anti-trust laws was reported favorably by the Judiciary Committee last week. A special rule has been provided so that this bill may be taken up and passed at this session of Congress. Congressman Dick T. Morgan, ranking Republican member of the Judiciary Committee has been instrumental in having this bill reported out and in arranging for the passage of it.