

sidering the proposition of going into the production of aluminum in competition with the Aluminum Company of America, but was influenced not to do so by the Aluminum Company of America and thus this potential competition was eliminated by the respondent, and I propose through this witness to show the offers made by Mr. James B. Duke and his associates to acquire bauxite deposits to enable them to start the aluminum producing industry.

MR. SMITH: I object to that statement as generally incompetent and irrelevant; second, as tending to introduce matter in nowise covered by the complaint and we respectfully submit that if this thing is to continue it is difficult to see where the limits of this inquiry are to end.

THE EXAMINER: What portion of the complaint Mr. Whiteley?

MR. WHITELEY: The same one we have read so many times.

MR. SMITH: I renew my objection.

MR. WHITELEY: The Aluminum Company of America is endeavoring to extend, make, secure and perpetuate this monopoly of the aluminum producing and fabricating industry of the United States and in that connection I want to say in response to the objection of counsel for respondent that I consider that acquisition of any bauxite deposits or water power sites in any part of the world by American inter-