

WASHINGTON--South Carolina's Congressional delegation and aeronautics officials from the State today urged the Civil Aeronautics Board to include South Carolina in a case now pending before the board for increased local air service in the Southeast.

CAB Members Chan Gurney and G. Joseph Minetti assured the group that the board would be glad to consider all evidence South Carolina presented to show that additional air service is needed. It was pointed out that the Southeastern Area Local Service Case which is pending before the CAB includes only local service. The South Carolinians expressed the view that additional trunk line service is also needed to serve South Carolina.

Participating in the conference were:

Senators Johnston and Thurmond, Congressmen McMillan, Rivers, Dorn, Ashmore, and Hemphill, Mr. Al Cook representing Congressman Riley, G. C. Merchant, director of the State Aeronautics Commission, A. S. Thomas of the Commission, O. L. Andrews, manager of Greenville Airport Commission and a former director of the State Commission, Hugh A. Dedwyler of Southeast Surveys, Inc., Charlotte, N. C., who is research and planning consultant for the Commission, and CAB Assistant Chief Examiner Thomas W. Wrenn.

The Southeast area case now under consideration by the CAB takes in a large part of the entire Southeast and extends as far west as St. Louis. However, neither South or North Carolina is included in the case.

The discussion brought out the fact that South Carolina needs both local and trunk line service and that the Southeast case is

limited to local service considerations.

CAB Vice Chairman Gurney advised the State Aeronautics Commission officials to submit all the information gathered in a survey which is now being conducted by the Commission. He stated that CAB would then decide what might be done about South Carolina's contentions. The State's Commission plans to submit its evidence as soon as possible.

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