

public. It is not present when a carrier deals through a broker.

Reversed.

MR. JUSTICE ROBERTS took no part in the consideration or decision of these cases.

LUBETICH, DOING BUSINESS AS PACIFIC REFRIGERATED MOTOR LINE, v. UNITED STATES ET AL.

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON.

No. 322. Argued December 17, 1941.—Decided January 19, 1942.

1. Decided upon the authority of *United States v. Rosenblum Truck Lines* and *United States v. Margolies*, ante, p. 50. P. 59.
 2. That the application was for either a common carrier certificate or a contract carrier permit, rather than for only a contract carrier permit, does not distinguish this case from the *Rosenblum* and *Margolies* cases. P. 59.
 3. The Commission's order denying "grandfather" rights to the applicant in this case, is not vitiated by absence of findings as to whether the common carrier with whom the applicant's arrangements for hauling were made was acting as a broker during the period in question and as to whether the applicant's name was carried on his equipment. Findings on these two points were not "quasi jurisdictional." P. 59.
- 39 F. Supp. 780, affirmed.

APPEAL from a decree of a District Court of three judges dismissing a petition to set aside an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission under the Motor Carrier Act of 1935.

Mr. Albert E. Stephan for appellant.

Mr. Frank Coleman, with whom Solicitor General Fahy, Assistant Attorney General Arnold, and Messrs. James C. Wilson, Archibald Cox, Daniel W. Knowlton, and Nelson Thomas were on the brief, for appellees.

MR. JUSTICE MURPHY delivered the opinion of the Court.

This is a companion case to *United States v. N. E. Rosenblum Truck Lines, Inc.*, and *United States v. Margolies, ante*, p. 50. It is a direct appeal from the final decree of a specially constituted three-judge district court¹ dismissing appellant's petition to set aside an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission denying appellant's application under the "grandfather" clauses of §§ 206 (a) and 209 (a) of the Motor Carrier Act of 1935² for operating authority as a "common" or "contract" carrier by motor vehicle.

The Commission's findings³ show that appellant's method of operations was substantially the same as that of appellees in the *Rosenblum* and the *Margolies* cases. Appellant operated between Los Angeles and Seattle and held permits from the States of California, Oregon, and Washington. Between June 1935 and January 1938 most, if not all, of the traffic handled by appellant was solicited and billed by other motor carriers and moved in appellant's vehicles only between the terminals of those other carriers. From April 1937 until January 1938 appellant hauled exclusively for a single common carrier, Hendricks Refrigerated Truck Lines, Inc. The goods moved on Hendricks' bills of lading and its tariff rates were applied. Appellant requested loading instructions from, and re-

¹ Convened pursuant to the Urgent Deficiencies Act of 1913 (38 Stat. 220, 28 U. S. C. §§ 47 and 47 (a)) and § 205 (h) of the Motor Carrier Act of 1935, rearranged by the Transportation Act of 1940, 54 Stat. 899, as § 205 (g) of Part II of the Interstate Commerce Act.

² The Motor Carrier Act of 1935 is now designated as Part II of the Interstate Commerce Act. 54 Stat. 919.

³ Since the evidence upon which these findings were made is not included in the record before us, appellant may not here attack them. *Mississippi Valley Barge Co. v. United States*, 292 U. S. 282, 286, and cases cited.

ported loadings to, Hendricks. Appellant received the total revenue less ten percent on southbound loads and the total revenue on northbound loads. On "express" traffic he received a flat rate of eighty cents per hundred pounds. Shippers' claims generally were paid in the first instance by Hendricks and then charged back to appellant.

In January 1938 appellant engaged a solicitor of his own, established terminals and apparently discontinued the operations previously conducted in connection with other carriers.

On the basis of its findings the Commission concluded that the service performed "was not the fulfillment of engagements in consequence of a holding out to the general public but was primarily the hauling of traffic for motor common carriers."⁴

While the application in the instant case is for a common carrier certificate, or, in the alternative, for a contract carrier permit, rather than for a contract carrier permit as in *United States v. N. E. Rosenblum Truck Lines, Inc.* and *United States v. Margolies*, that difference is without legal significance. The question in both situations is whether the applicant was a carrier, either common or contract, within the meaning of the Act, prior to June 1935 and continuously thereafter to the date of the hearing. For the reasons set forth in the *Rosenblum* and *Margolies* cases, the decision below must be affirmed.

We have considered and found without substance appellant's argument that findings as to whether Hendricks was acting as a broker during the period in question and as to whether appellant's name was carried on his equipment were "quasi jurisdictional" and that the absence of findings on those points renders the order void. Neither finding was here essential to the existence of authority

⁴ 24 M. C. C. 141 at 147, 150.

to enter the order, and hence was not "quasi jurisdictional." Cf. *United States v. Baltimore & Ohio R. Co.*, 293 U. S. 454, 462-463; *Florida v. United States*, 282 U. S. 194, 214-215. One of the findings of the Commission, which appellant may not attack,⁵ was that appellant hauled "for Hendricks, a common carrier by motor vehicle," and the Commission was satisfied from the evidence before it that Hendricks, and not the appellant, was the carrier in respect to the operations in which appellant was engaged. It was therefore immaterial whether Hendricks acted as a broker in connection with some other operations. Whether appellant's name was on his equipment can only be a factor bearing on the ultimate issue. It is in no sense "quasi jurisdictional."

Affirmed.

MR. JUSTICE ROBERTS took no part in the consideration or decision of this case.

GLASSER v. UNITED STATES.*

CERTIORARI TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
SEVENTH CIRCUIT.

No. 30. Argued November 13, 14, 1941.—Decided January 19, 1942.

1. Jud. Code § 275 provides that jurors in a federal court shall have the qualifications of jurors in the highest court of the State. Acts of the State of Illinois providing for jury service by women became effective before a grand jury in a federal court in that State was drawn from a box from which the names of women had been excluded. Under the state legislation, the making of state lists including women could be delayed for some time later. *Held* that the jury was not illegally constituted, in view of the short time

⁵ See Note 3, *ante*.

* Together with No. 31, *Kretske v. United States*, and No. 32, *Roth v. United States*, also on writs of certiorari, 313 U. S. 551, to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.