

States for their consideration and action; and to take all other steps which they may deem wise and proper for the prosecution of the members of said unlawful combination in their respective states.

And be it further resolved, that the governor of this state is hereby requested and authorized to appoint ten commissioners, citizens of this state, who shall represent this state at such conference. They shall be entitled to receive their actual expenses, to be paid upon vouchers submitted by the governor by the state treasurer upon the warrants of the state auditor, and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars to pay the expenses of the said commissioners.

And be it further resolved, that in case all the governors of the states referred to neglect or decline to appoint any such commissioners, that then the commissioners appointed by and for this state shall meet and propose such measures as they may think proper for the consideration and action of congress.

Approved April 8, 1893.

NUMBER 4.

A joint resolution.

Resolved by the senate and the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota,

That, whereas, the distance tariff and terminal freight rates of the various railroads in the state have not been revised for several years, and that by reason of the large growth of population and development of unimproved properties, the general traffic has been largely increased, and that by various inventions and improvements, particularly in the use of steel rails, improved gradients and enlarged car capacity, the cost of transportation is largely diminished, and whereas, freight charges in the commercial relations of any state are a tax upon its industrial energies and development, and should be regulated at the lowest rates consistent with a fair return to the investors in railroad properties, and whereas, the establishment and continuance of freight rates should not be the unquestioned mandate of the railroads themselves,

Therefore, resolved, that the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners are hereby advised and directed to exercise the powers clothed in them by "the laws of this state," and revise the distance and terminal tariffs of the railroads so far as the same relate to traffic originating and terminating within this state under a proper and equitable classification, and establish, and "publish according to law," a schedule of maximum rates that will give to the people of the state of Minnesota as fair and equitable rates as are now enjoyed by the "people of the other states of the Union," to take effect on the first day of July, 1893.

Resolved, that the attorney general of the state be also advised and directed to prosecute any and all railroads that do not comply with the rates of the railroad and warehouse commission so promulgated.

Approved April 14, 1893.