Corrington Gill, Acting Works Progress Administrator, today made public a statement from C. H. Barlow of Marlinton, West Virginia, in answer to the charge of Walter S. Hallinan, Republican National Committeeman, intimating that Barlow, a well-to-do banker, had been improperly employed as a time-keeper on a Works Progress Administration project in his state.

Mr. Barlow's statement follows:

"I was a non-salaried bank president of the First National Bank of Marlinton, a town of approximately 1,500 people for the period of less than three months during the time of my employment with the governmental agency.

"I own a 600-acre farm, and I applied for the $60 a month non-relief supervisory job, which I now hold, with increased duties, receiving the sum of $80. It includes my personal outlay for travel of about 30 miles per day...

"Substantially my life's savings of $10,000, representing an accumulation of 30 years, had become frozen in the collapse and I was faced with the possibility of having to pay an additional $5,000, double liability as the result of my holdings. I was receiving no dividends whatsoever and I cherished no hope of recovering the full amount of my initial investment.

"The $60 or $80 job I now hold has enabled me to live and meet some of my obligations."

"If there is any wrong in providing work for a needy person who happened to have been well-to-do at one time years ago, I certainly cannot see it", said Mr. Gill in making the statement public.