

Excerpt from "The Pressure Boys", pp.118-119:

.....Similarly, Mark Gehan, former Republican mayor of St. Paul and an active leader in the campaign to defeat Governor Benson, was given six blank subpoenas by Dies and allowed to bring six picked witnesses to Washington at government expense to assure the country that the Farmer-Labor party was tinged with Communism.

"I only got ahold of Dies a few days ago when he was up in ¹ Detroit, and got these subpoenas from him," Gehan told reporters. "He had only six. We could have got enough witnesses to go on with this stuff for two or three days but he didn't have any more subpoenas."

The "stuff," part of it introduced as "exhibits," was Republican campaign literature. It included pamphlets designed to identify the Farmer-Labor party in Minnesota with Jewry as well as Communism and so to alienate the farm vote.

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1. One of them was Richard Wilson of the Des Moines Register and Tribune.