

AS-3 “Civil Service Jobs – Own Boss”

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I Now, what was it like working for the city after your long career in different manufacturers?

AS I found a home. Look, I took the job for security reasons...I'll go, I'll say it right frankly. Working with the city the benefits were excellent I found nothing wrong. I accumulated all my sick days as much as I could. That was like money in the bank when I retired –I had one hundred and twenty days, eighty five percent of that I got lump sum. So those days are always an incentive of to be on the job. I don't know how it is now, but when I retired, I retired with five weeks vacation, because when I retired in April I qualified for more vacations, personal days, sick days, all piled up, so I made it, I made it out good...

Well, working for the city, the job I had as a bridge operator, --I was more or less my own supervision which was a lot of freedom. Not many jobs are like that. In other words, it's a trust, my assignment to do my duties and whatever...has to be done to service the public, be a gentleman, --which I believe was a wonderful feeling, where I could help. And the job itself --in other words, reporting to the job was like a home. It was no pressures. And one thing led to another and I finally retired.