Washington, Dec. 10 .- "If they can

It was to the committee of 100 of the Jakes to the gulf deep waterways association, headed by Gov. Deneen of Illinois, received by the president in the east room of the White House, that he made this declaration. Gov. Deneen had presented a copy of resolutions adopted by the association, and made a

well put if, that no more important service could be rendered in this coun-iry than the building of the Panama canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific, and one thing I am proud of in connection with the building of that canal, is that there has not been legiti-mate cause for the breath of scandal connected with any feature of the pro-

only one set of Americans in connec-tion with the building of the canal, and that is of those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehood have been guilty of infamous falsehood concerning the acquision of the prop-erty and the construction of the canal itself. If they can be reached for criminal libel I shall try to have them reached. If not, at any rate all the facts we know or ever have known are at the disposal of each and every one of you here, and any one in Con-gress or out of Congress, if they wish to see them.

work has been done; and no work could have been done from beginning to end, more honestly or more efficiently,"

Two more names were added to the



