

WILL NOT RESCIND WILLEY DISMISSAL

COMMISSIONER WILSON SAYS REAPPOINTMENT WOULD BE A MISTAKE.

That his reinstatement would be inimical to the interests of the city, was the statement made in a communication from Street Commissioner Wilson in regard to the case of Charles Willey, who was discharged for refusing to take out his truck on January 28 last.

The Board of Control asked the Commissioner to reconsider the case, but had not power to order that he be re-employed.

"I don't think his reinstatement would be inimical to the best interests of the department and the city," said the Mayor. "I think he was shabbily treated."

Controller Robbins also thought there was something else behind the dismissal, and moved that Mr. Willey be reinstated.

"We haven't the power," said the Mayor. "Is every man who stays away from work to be dismissed? I think he should be treated as a white man, and not as an alien enemy."

Controller Maguire—Is this to be the reward of a man who has three sons fighting overseas, and who is lying in the hospital himself?

Controller O'Niell contended himself with the statement that the members of the board did not know all the particulars of the case, and the Mayor said that he would get Mr. Willey a position outside of the civic service.