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WICHITAS DISPOSSESSED.

Decision Reached by the
Supreme Court in the
Land Litigation.

CHICK-CHOC'S WON.

Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations
are Confirmed in Their Title
to the Territory Occupied
by the Defendants.

Washington, D. C., October 21.
A decision has been reached by
the Supreme Court of the United
States in the case of the Choctaw
Nation and the Chickasaw Nation,
claimants vs. the United States
and the Wichita and affiliated
bands of Indians, defendants.
The decision of the Supreme

Court will not be a unanimous
one; two, and possibly three, of
the members will join in a minority
opinion.

It is understood that the decision
will sustain the opinion of the
Court of Claims, handed down
nearly two years ago, in which it
was held that the Wichita and
affiliated bands of Indians, under
treaty agreements, held only a
possessive title in the lands occupied
by them, and that the Choctaws
and Chickasaws had never parted
with the legal title to the lands
in dispute. The Court of Claims
sustained the validity of the treaty
of October 18, 1820, by which the
Choctaws and Chickasaws acquired
possession of this territory, and held
that the treaty of 1866, by which
the Wichitas and affiliated bands
of Indians secured the right to
locate on the lands, gave them a
possessive title only, vesting the
final title to the lands in the
United States in trust for the
Choctaws and Chickasaws.

It was held, however, that the
possessive title carried with it,
when the existing conditions were
disturbed by the breaking up of
the tribal relations, individual
allotments. The residue of the
land, however, belonged to the
Choctaws and Chickasaws.

NEW COMPLICATIONS.
The decision of the Supreme
Court of the United States on this
question will raise new complications
with reference to the opening
up of the Kiowa, Comanche
and Apache country. Although
only a small portion of the land
of the Kiowa and Comanche
country arises with relation to
the entire territory in dispute.
The Choctaws and Chickasaws
claim the same title to all the
lands on the Kiowa, Comanche
and Apache reservations that they
had to the lands occupied by the
Wichitas and affiliated bands.
All the tribes are parties to the

same treaties, so that the decision
of the Supreme Court in the case
of the Kiowas, Comanches and
Apaches. If the claim of the
Choctaws and Chickasaws is sustained,
the Secretary of the Interior
will be immediately enjoined
from proceeding with all allotments
on the reservation, and the sale
of the residue of the lands.

The decision of the Supreme
Court is expected to invalidate
act of congress; and the federal
courts in Oklahoma will, therefore,
be obliged to grant injunctions
against the Secretary of the
Interior and the government officials
to restrain them from carrying
out the provisions of the act
of Congress.

Under the terms of the recent
agreement, ratified by congress,
between the Kiowa, Comanche
and Apache Indians and the federal
government, it was provided
that the sum of \$1,000,000 should
be placed in the treasury of the
United States to the credit of the
Kiowa, Comanche and Apache
Indians in payment for all residue
lands. Mr. Stanley, the representative
of the Choctaw Indians at
Washington, has informed the
Globe-Democrat correspondent
that his clients will not accept
this amount, and that the government
will be compelled to enter
into a treaty with the Choctaw
and Chickasaw Indians before the
country can be thrown open to
settlement. This would require
time, and it is doubtful whether
a treaty could be agreed on and
ratified by Congress within the
next two years. Thus, it would
appear that the time for the opening
of the country is problematical.

HISTORY OF THE CASE.

The history of the case now
before the Supreme Court of the
United States is an unusually interesting
one. The lands involved
are located in what is known as

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