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## Clash of Insurance Interests

**With Champions of Workmen's Compensation in Ohio Features the Final Arguments in the Supreme Court.—Rights of Liability Companies Under the Law Discussed From Diverse Points of View.**

Columbus, O., May 16.—Clash of legal wits and presence of more than thirty labor leaders from all parts of the State marked the submission today to the Supreme Court of the final arguments in the ouster suits of the State against liability insurance companies to drive them from the workmen's compensation insurance field and to prevent them from insuring employers of labor against damage growing out of failure to observe lawful requirements and willful acts of employers. The arguments, which were anticipated in by the Attorney General, counsel for labor organizations, insurance companies and "friends of the Court," continued through the entire day.

The keen interest of the Justices on the bench was attested by volley after volley of questions designed to clear up contested questions. The greater part were directed to the attorneys for the insurance companies, and particular stress was laid on the contentions of the companies that they have a right to insure against violation of law and against willful acts. At one point the question was asked from the bench directly whether the law itself does not forbid this sort of insurance, a query which was answered in the negative by the insurance lawyers.

The counsel for the State and for the labor organizations, with the exception of Judge George B. Okey, who contended that Section 22, which permits employers to assume their own risks under the Workmen's Compensation law, is unconstitutional, centered upon two main propositions.

### Two Points of Law.

One of them is that the section of the law, 9510 of the General Code, which authorizes the making of insurance of various sorts, does not recognize workmen's compensation, and that, therefore, the insurance companies have no right to make this sort of insurance. As expressed by the Attorney General, Edward C. Turner, the liability of the Workmen's Compensation law is not the liability of Section 9510, which was enacted many years before workmen's compensation was known in Ohio.

The other proposition was that the Workmen's Compensation law does not permit employers to protect themselves against consequence of violation of the law or against willful act.

On the other hand, the insurance attorneys argued that under Section 54 of the Workmen's Compensation law the companies are authorized to make insurance that will guarantee to injured employees the statutory compensation, and that employers may protect themselves against the "open liability" of the compensation law when the fault is that of their agents and employees rather than their own personal fault.

The representatives of business organizations and companies appeared to argue the validity of Section 22, the self-insurance provision. Chief of these lawyers was Daniel J. Ryan, general counsel for the Ohio manufacturers' Association. He did not concern himself with the other phases of the case. Representing the State Industrial Commission, James I. Boulger appeared to support the contentions that the insurance companies are barred from participation in the compensation scheme.

### Labor Well Represented.

The interest of labor in the litigation was attested by the presence of John Voll, of Zanesville, President, and T. J. Donnelly, of Cincinnati, Secretary of the State Federation of Labor, and delegations from all parts of the State. They included Representatives Henry Ott, Charles A. Wirmel, Thomas H. Mugavin, Charles Staff, of Cincinnati; Fred Schultz, Fred Telschow, John J. Owens and William Morgan, of Cleveland; Otto Bruck, of Toledo; H. W. Weller, of Youngstown; John Van Hise, of Columbus; Representative O. B. Chapman and William A. Cudiffe, of Dayton; Charles Vaughn, of Hamilton; O. M. Patterson, of Canton; Arthur Muhlman, of Coshocton; William A. Abraham and Louis Herder, of Portsmouth; J. J. Graney, of Youngstown; T. J. McKittick, of Dayton; J. J. Eisen and T. T. Creager, of Springfield.

One of the features of the case was the argument of J. Harrington Boyd, of Toledo, one of the members of the commission which framed the original Workmen's Compensation law during the administration of former Governor Judson Harmon. Judge Harmon appeared today as an insurance company attorney, a fact to which Turner referred in opening for the State when he cited Governor Harmon's denunciation of insurance company methods a few years ago.

One of the points made by Turner was that the General Assembly required employers to be of sufficient financial ability to carry their own risks before exempting them from paying premiums into the State insurance fund. He said there would have been no reason for

this exemption had it been intended that they might buy workmen's compensation insurance. He also called attention to the failure of the adoption of amendments specifically admitting insurance companies.

Former Attorney General Timothy S. Hogan, for the labor men, argued that Section 54 of the act, on which the insurance men rely, is a limitation and not a grant of power, and that it could not have been intended, from the context and general structure of the law, to admit insurance companies.

### Talks for the Companies.

The longest argument was made by Samuel J. Kornhauser, Cleveland, who talked for 50 minutes in favor of the insurance companies. He contended that it was not intended to punish insurance companies, but rather to rectify conditions for which the former inadequate laws and not the insurance companies were responsible. He argued also that for two years the officials permitted the insurance companies to go ahead. Kornhauser was questioned many times about his contention that the companies might insure against violation of law, but stood by his original contention.

The same line was followed by George W. Strong, Cincinnati, who followed Kornhauser.

In urging that the insurance companies may participate in workmen's compensation, Attorneys Willbur Wilkin, Cleveland, and W. R. Pomerene, Columbus, argued that the policies will be additional protection to the employees.

Former Governor Judson Harmon, who appeared for the insurance companies, explained his remarks in his last Governor's message by saying that zeal had made both State and insurance agents resort to methods that were unfair. He contended that competition is necessary to test and prove the compensation law.

The only question asked from the bench that seemed to favor the insurance company contentions was propounded by Judge Wanamaker, who inquired whether there is any public policy that prevents employers insuring themselves against a big casualty.

While Governor Harmon said there was not Attorney-General Turner later replied that the plan to reduce accidents would be interfered with by such arrangements, as they permitted shifting of responsibility. He added, "Let them obey the law and there will be no liability upon them."

### Springs a Surprise.

A surprise was sprung by former Insurance Superintendent Arthur I. Vorys when he announced that the answers would be so amended as to raise Federal questions so that in the event of a defeat in the Ohio Supreme Court the cases may be carried to the United States Supreme Court at Washington under the "due process of law" plea of the fourteenth amendment.

One point urged by Eugene Carlin for the State was that there can be no policy to pay employers until there has been a recovery in Court against them by injured employees. With others of the State's Attorneys, he strongly urged that the companies were proposing to write policies to insure against "willful act," a proposition which was stoutly denied by the majority of insurance lawyers, but tacitly admitted by a few.

A case which will have an important bearing on workmen's compensation cases, if the insurance companies are allowed to compete with the State, is that of the Collings-Taylor Company against the American Fidelity Company, before the Supreme Court. The Collings Company was compelled to pay a judgment to an injured employee, a minor, but when it sought to recover on the liability insurance policy it was met with the plea that the employee had been unlawfully engaged because he had no schooling certificate. The employer won in the trial Court, but the judgment was reversed in the Court of Appeals of Cuyahoga County.

### GOLD BEATERS RAISE WAGES.

New York.—The gold beaters of New York, Boston and Philadelphia have secured their first contract with the United States Gold Leaf Manufacturers' Association. The New York and Boston gold beaters, who work under the same system, have raised wages \$3 a week. In Philadelphia the increase is \$2.50 a week. The wages of girls are also raised. A. F. of L. Organizer Frayne, who assisted in the negotiations, estimates that these increases will total \$50,000 a year for three hundred workers. The strike lasted five weeks, and the gold beaters are enthusiastic over the outcome, because it is the first time they have been able to establish uniform standards of prices or receive recognition from employers in an effort to fix minimum rates.

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