

STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY

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Re: [REDACTED] vs. Standard Oil Co.
of New Jersey

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
The College of Medicine,
Eden & Bethesda Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Mr. Webb has given me the very welcome news that you are to be in North Carolina on the 17th and are to remain there as long as you can be of assistance in the presentation of this case. The case will be reached for trial in the Federal Court at Wilson, North Carolina, on the 20th. I think you already know our local counsel are MacLean, Pou & Emanuel, Lawyers Building, Raleigh. They will be very glad to meet you as soon as it is convenient for you. Wilson is only forty miles from Raleigh and travel between the two towns is easy.

You will be interested to know the plaintiff submitted to a physical examination on Monday of this week at the hands of a battery of doctors designated by our Company for the purpose. The doctors who examined Mr. [REDACTED] were Dr. R. S. Crispell, a neurologist attached to Duke University; Dr. Horton, attached to the North Carolina Workmen's Compensation Commission; Dr. A. M. Pitman of Wilson; Dr. T. J. Blackshear, an oculist of Wilson. Dr. Sawyer, an oculist from Elizabeth City, also participated in the examination, perhaps as the plaintiff's representative, but our last word is that Dr. Sawyer is not of the opinion the plaintiff is suffering from lead poisoning or any of its effects. I understand the four physicians acting in our behalf failed to find any evidence of lead poisoning or the consequences thereof. Likewise they failed to find any evidence of multiple sclerosis which it had been suggested was the plaintiff's trouble.

Our study of the plaintiff's history indicates he has been something of a medical curiosity during all his life but we have not yet succeeded in obtaining any satisfactory explanation of his present condition. Early in 1933 the plaintiff underwent an operation for appendicitis and a hernia. A spinal anaesthetic was used. I understand Dr. Crispell has suggested plaintiff's present condition may be attributable to some poison or injury resulting from the use of that anaesthetic, although when I left North Carolina Dr. Crispell had not made his final report and when that comes to hand we may find him unwilling to support the theory he suggested at the conclusion of the examination.

I expect to attend the trial and I shall look forward to meeting you.

Very truly yours.

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