Q Why wasn't it mentioned back in the '30s and up to the '40s?

A Well, in the '30s and '40s, the first description of the term mesothelioma occurred in the '30s and '40s, but there was a considerable controversy among pathologists as to whether there was or was not a tumor of the lining of the abdominal and chest cavities.

Q Was there a mention of mesothelioma?

A There were a couple of cases, one in Britain and one in Germany, of somebody with asbestosis and a tumor involving the lung and pleura.

Some people have suggested that they may have been mesothelioma. It is not clear whether it was or was not.

Q Doctor, is it fair to summarize that in the '30s and into the '40s, the scientific community and medical community believed if you controlled the dust, you wouldn't get the disease?

MR. IGNATOWSKI: Objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.