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The Department of Justice filed a civil suit today charging three motor carrier rate conferences with conspiring to fix intrastate motor carrier rates in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.

Attorney General Edward H. Levi said the suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Atlanta, Georgia.

Named as defendants in the complaint are:

- Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc.,
Atlanta, Georgia;
- Motor Carriers Traffic Association, Inc.,
Greensboro, North Carolina; and
- North Carolina Motor Carriers Association,
Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina.

Assistant Attorney General Donald I. Baker, in charge of the Antitrust Division, said that the defendants have a total of over 400 motor carrier members which handle a large portion of the intrastate traffic in these five states.

The complaint alleges that since the early 1940s the defendants and co-conspirators have agreed to fix rates charged for the intrastate for-hire transportation of general commodities in these five states.

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In 1973, motor carriers derived total revenues in excess of \$80 million from the application of intrastate rates published by defendants.

The complaint asks that the defendants be permanently enjoined from continuing or renewing the combination and conspiracy alleged therein, or from adopting or following any practice, plan, program, or device having a similar purpose or effect.

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