

UNITED STATES v. STANDARD WOOD COMPANY.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.**

Equity No. 8-99.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PETITIONER,

VS.

STANDARD WOOD COMPANY AND OTHERS, DEFENDANTS.

DECREE.

The petitioner, the United States of America, having filed its petition herein on the 19th day of September, 1911, and all of the defendants having duly appeared herein, and all of said defendants having failed to answer and now being in default herein except the defendants Pennsylvania Wood Company, Keystone Wood Company, Joseph Fischer and Long Island Wood Company, and the petitioner having filed its consent herein that the petition be dismissed as to the said defendants Pennsylvania Wood

Company, Keystone Wood Company, Joseph Fischer and Long Island Wood Company, and the petitioner having moved the court for a decree in accordance with the prayer of the petition as against all of the other defendants, and said motion coming on to be heard, Now upon proof of due service of notice of this application on the Solicitors for all of the defendants and after hearing Evan Shelby of counsel for the petitioner and no one opposing, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the petition be dismissed as against the defendants Pennsylvania Wood Company, Keystone Wood Company, Joseph Fischer and Long Island Wood Company, and as to all of the other defendants herein it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said defendants and each and every of them have entered into and engaged in an unlawful combination and conspiracy to restrain the trade and commerce among the several states of the United States in bundled kindling wood and to monopolize the same, in violation of the act of Congress approved July 2nd, 1890, entitled "An Act to Protect Trade and Commerce against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies," by means of the contracts and agreements described in the petition herein, that is to say, contracts and agreements to manage and conduct their trade in bundled kindling wood without competition among themselves, to limit and restrict the manufacture and sale of bundled kindling wood throughout the several states of the United States, to fix and maintain uniform and non-competitive prices for the same, and to prevent others from engaging in the manufacture and sale thereof:

That the contracts between the Standard Wood Company and the other defendants herein, set forth in the petition herein, are unlawful contracts and were entered into by the parties thereto in violation of the said Act of Congress approved July 2nd, 1890:

That said defendants and each and every of them, their officers, directors, agents, servants and employees be and they hereby are enjoined and restrained from

continuing or carrying into further effect the combination adjudged illegal hereby, from entering into any similar combination, conspiracy or contract the purpose or effect of which is or will be to restrain commerce in bundled kindling wood among the states or territories of the United States, or to prolong the unlawful monopoly of such commerce obtained and possessed by said defendants as before stated in violation of the Act of July 2nd, 1890, and from making any express or implied agreement or arrangement together, or one with another, like or similar to those adjudged illegal hereby, relative to the prices or terms of purchase of bundled kindling wood, or relative to the quantities thereof purchased, sold, transported or manufactured by any of the defendants, which will have a like effect in restraint of commerce among the states to that of the combination, the operation of which is hereby enjoined:

That said defendants and each and every of them be and they hereby are enjoined and restrained from continuing to carry out the purposes of the contracts described in the petition herein or any of them and they are hereby required to desist and withdraw from all connection therewith.

Dated, March 11th, 1912.

ALFRED C. COXE,
Acting U. S. District Judge.