

HARLAN CIRCUIT COURT

CORA TURNER, ETC., CONSOLIDATED

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

OPINION

JOHN ALDEN TURNER

DEFENDANT

These consolidated cases are headaches, involve a family dispute, and should never have been in court. At one time or another, one or more phases of the cases have been before Judge Gilbert, Special Judges H. Clay Kaufmann and J. B. Hannah, and in all branches are now before the present special judge for final determination and judgment.

At the outset, I have no hesitancy in saying that covering a law practice of thirty-five years I have never come in contact, in all the cases with which I have been connected, either directly or indirectly, with such conditions as are shown in this record; there is admitted fraud; there is admitted alteration of deeds executed by the Master Commissioner of this Court; there is admitted theft; there is apparent forgery and alteration of a further deed; there is a deed on record in the Harlan County Court Clerk's office as to which both the grantors and the grantee disclaim any knowledge, and under which the grantee therein named makes no claim; the record is replete with perjury; practically all the material witnesses for both plaintiff and defendant have been impeached, and a substantial number of the impeaching witnesses are themselves impeached; morals or lack of