

Rockefeller, John D.

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"Action of the Republican senators in voting against passage of the [shipping] bill has met with favorable reception throughout the Middle West, and particularly in the Southwest. Re the Knox court case "and the case brought by the State of Washington as well." Re Morgan's wire re employing counsel.]The Counsel here are quite competent to deal with all the questions in the Case and it is well understood that the Judges do not regard a case with favor which has to be tried by imported talent; in other words, they consider a Case a weak one which cannot be tried by Local Counsel. Mr. Rockefeller, in the suit brought by the Merritts, made the

mistake of sending his New York Counsel to try the case. The result was he was beaten for about \$2,000,000 and later he was glad to get Mr. Kellogg's services to get a new trial and change the verdict."

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