

LITTLE CHANCE TO STEAL LANDS IN ALASKA, BELIEVED

North Country's Public Land Laws Best, Declares D. B. Townsend; Believed Frauds May Be Prevented.

According to B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the attorney general in the prosecution of Alaska coal fraud cases, it is probable that the Alaska coal land laws are the only public land laws of the United States under which the government has thus far been able to prevent any thefts whatsoever.

"The decision of the supreme court in the Stracey cases Monday assuring us that our construction of the Alaska coal laws is the correct one, makes it quite certain that no one will get away with Alaska coal by fraudulent means," said Mr. Townsend. "So far as I know, it is the first time that the department of the interior and the department of justice, working together, have been able to prevent the fraudulent acquisition of a single acre of government land under a land law. Under all the land laws that I know of and that have been passed for the protection of our public lands, frauds have been committed and more or less land has been procured. Of course, some of this has been sued for and recovered by the United States, but nevertheless a vast quantity of public lands has been stolen under the various acts designed to protect government property."

"In Alaska the same thing has been attempted, but the two departments have been able thus far to prevent title to any Alaska coal land to pass from the government."

Act Complete Law.

In presenting his points and authorities to the United States district court in the demurrer in the Frost case, similar to the Stracey case Mr. Townsend in considering the arguments for the defendant said:

"It is urged that the act of April 28, 1904, is a complete law in itself, notwithstanding the express references to and the adoption of many of the provisions of the general coal land laws of the United States. It is contended that by the act of April 28, 1904 (the Alaska coal land act), congress intended to provide one method for the distribution of unsurveyed lands and leave the old method in force to regulate the disposition of surveyed lands, and that congress intended to prohibit monopoly as to surveyed lands and to invite monopoly as to unsurveyed lands. This construction not only does violence to the express language of the act of April 28, 1904, but the absurdity of it is so apparent as to preclude any such intention on the part of congress. If there was any reason for the prohibition of plural and dummy entries as to unsurveyed land, the same reason would necessarily apply to surveyed lands."

Absurd Contention.

"The dangers and evils of a monopoly of coal lands in Alaska would not depend upon the question whether the lands were surveyed or unsurveyed. How ridiculous it is to contend that congress was of the opinion that a monopoly of coal lands was not dangerous

unless the lands were surveyed! If a monopoly of surveyed lands is dangerous, but a monopoly of unsurveyed lands is desirable, then the most intelligent thing congress could have done would have been to prohibit the extension of the public survey to Alaska. The absurdity of this contention is more apparent when we consider the historical fact that congress enacted the act of April 28, 1904, because the public survey would not be extended to Alaska for many years to come.

"It was contemplated that in all probability virtually all of the desirable coal lands would be taken before the public survey was in fact extended to Alaska. The history of the subject, as well as the plain provisions of the act of April 28, 1904, conclusively show that congress intended simply to provide a method for the identification of the unsurveyed lands, but did not intend to establish a separate policy as to unsurveyed land, which was the direct opposite of the policy of the laws applicable to surveyed lands. To hold otherwise would be to say that congress intended that the industrial and commercial welfare of Alaska should depend, not on the wisdom or the consistency of a legislative policy, but on the alertness of the surveyor's transit."

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