

Texans Charge Violations of Anti-Trust Act

Charging three out-of-state glass manufacturers with violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act, three Texas men asked \$1,350,000 damages in a suit filed Thursday with the U.S. district clerk.

Unlawful monopolies and conspiracies, combination in restraint of commerce, was charged by Charles R. Tips, W. L. Moody III and Harry R. Rogers against the Hartford-Empire Co. of Hartford, Conn., the Ball Bros. Co. of Muncie, Ind., and the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. of Toledo, Ohio. They alleged violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act and the Clayton Act and asked that the \$1,350,000 damage be trebled.

The plaintiffs said they are among 50 former shareholders of the Three Rivers Glass Co., organized in March, 1922, and now dissolved. The company had an ultimate paid-in capital of \$500,000, of which approximately \$250,000 was in plant, works and equipment.

According to the petition, the company made milk bottles, fruit jars and other glass containers. For eight years after its organization the company's annual gross sales exceeded \$500,000. The petition declared that the Three Rivers Glass Co. continued in business until its dissolution in January, 1937, as a result of the alleged unlawful acts of the defendants.

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