

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—

FILED MARCH 26, 1908.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*v.*

THE AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY,  
*ET AL.*

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*To the Clerk of said Court:*

I hereby certify that the above entitled cause now pending in said court is a suit in equity brought by the United States against the American Tobacco Company, and the other defendants named therein, under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," approved July 2, 1890, and that said suit is in my opinion a case of general public importance.

I therefore request that, complying with the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to expedite the hearing and determination of suits in equity pending or hereafter brought under the Act of July 2, 1890, entitled 'An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies,'" approved February 11, 1903,

you will file this certificate among the records of the above entitled cause, and immediately furnish a copy thereof to each of the Circuit Judges of the Second Circuit, to the end that said case shall be given precedence over other cases in said court, and be assigned for hearing at the earliest practicable date before not less than three of the Circuit Judges of said Circuit, as is provided by the said Act of February 11, 1903.

CHARLES J. BONAPARTE,  
*Attorney General.*

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