

was in strict accordance with the law and in pursuance of a duty imposed on him by Congress, which could not be avoided and, of course, Congress in passing the Martin resolution could not possibly have foreseen the decision of

as expressed in legislation is such as to make that will absolutely abortive. Unfortunately there is grave doubt wheth-er the government has the right of appeal from this decision of the district judke The case well demonstrates the desirability of conferring upon the government the same right of appeal in criminal cases, on questions of law, which the defendant now has, in all which the detendant how has, in all cases where the defendant has not been put in jeopardy by a trial upon merits of the charge made against him. The laws of many of the states, and the law of the District of Columbia

"Furthermore, it is very desirable to enact a law declaring the true con-struction of the existing legislation, so far as it affects immunity.

"I can hardly believe that the ruling of Judge Humphrey will be followed by other judges, but if it should be followed the result would be either completely to nullify very much and possibly the major part of the good to be obtained from the inter-state commerce law, and from the law creating the bureau of corporations in the department of commerce and labor, or else frequently to obstruct an appeal to the criminal laws by the department of justice. There seems to be no good reason why the department of justice, the department of commerce and labor and the interstate commerce commis-sion each should not for the common sion each should not for the common good, proceed within its own powers without undue interference with the functions of the other. It is, of course, necessary under the Constitution and the laws that persons who give tes-timony or produce evidence as wit-nesses should receive immunity from prosecution. It has hitherto been sup-rosed that the immunity conferred by osed that the immunity conferred by existing laws was only upon person who, being subpoenaed, had given tes-timony or produced evidence, as witnesses, relating to any offense with which they were or might be charaged. nesses. But Judge Humphrey's decision is, in effect that, if either the commissioner of corporations does his duty or the inter-state commerce commission does it, by making the investigations which they by law, are required to make, though they issue no subpoenas and gave no testimony or evidence within the proper meaning of those words, the very fact of the investigation may

for any offense which may have been detected by investigations conducted by the department of justice entirely independently of the labors of the inter-state commerce commission or the commissioner of corporations-the only condition of immunity being that the offender should have being

an otherses of this kind, it is at the best hard enough to expect to visit jus-tice upon offenders. Every system of ariminal jurisprudence has descended to us from a period when the danger was lest the accused should not have the side advector of the second state of the second state of the second should not have

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