

THE WORK OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION*

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Another custom and showed to have a decision of his court within 100

Historical Development

The Federal Trade Commission Act is one of the anti-trust acts. The history and development of these acts from the old common law rules against unfair competition is extremely interesting. I shall mention only one or

two mile-posts in the advance.

As early as 1803 in England Lord Eldon (*Hogg v. Kirby & Reser* — In

The Congress therefore determined to grant the Commission it was creating

Benefit to the Public

It has been said that matters coming to the attention of the

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Federal Trade Commission affect the interests of probably more individuals than those handled by any other department or agency of the Federal Government

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Many of the issues arising before the Commission affect individuals substantially

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Individual Report

Stipulations

What I have described to you is the Commission's formal procedure. We have a somewhat informal procedure by which the Commission has been able to expedite its work and save a great deal of time and expense both to the Commission and to persons charged with violations of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

This is known as the stipulation procedure. It frequently happens that

a merchant or a manufacturer commits an offense against the Federal Trade Commission Act through ignorance of the law, and that if he knew he were violating the law, he would stop. The Commission has learned this from experience. It therefore has developed a procedure whereby, when complaint of

by the facts, it calls the attention of the violator to the matter, and offers

The most important of the pending amendments, and the one in which the
[redacted] is most interested, is that to Section 5 of the present act

into the language of the present act. If that amendment be adopted, that
part of the section would read: "That unfair methods of competition in
commerce and unfair or deceptive acts and practices in commerce are hereby

The above named persons - such persons ought to be contacted for their

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