27 or 28 days in court and it ran over several months into 1921.

THE EXAMINER: What were they trying to do, were they trying to set aside your option or not?

THE WITNESS: They were trying to maintain their option, or rather were trying to maintain that they had a title to the property because they had purchased it from Mr. Humphreys, who had an option from Mrs. Hubbard, and as I recall the point involved there was, whether a solicitor has the right to obtain an option on a property from a client and sell that property at a profit. The court ruled that a solicitor cannot purchase a property from a client and sell that property at a profit unless the client is represented by independent advice, capable to that advice which he has supposed to be given.

MR. SMITH: We now move to have this evidence stricken out as manifestly and plaintly and highly incompetent and it is hard to allow a witness to state his views of a court of justice when the records can be proven in the ordinary course. Surely the Federal Trade Commission is bound by the ordinary rules of proof.

MR. WHITELEY: I make no objection to the striking of that part of the answer wherein he states the reason of the court.

THE EXAMINER: Of course, Mr. Smith and Mr.