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Hale Co. vs. Lickhock Co.*

Judge H. L. Mobley,  
Claude, Texas.  
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th Inst. and also have received a letter from Mr. E. F. Ritchey, county attorney of Clarendon, both of your letters relating to the county boundary line between the counties of Donley and Armstrong.

In your letter you enclosed a copy of a letter from this department to the county attorney of your County under date of the 2nd of May 1914 concerning this subject.

Now, when I wrote concerning this matter a few days ago I had in mind that correspondence and in fact, regardless of any view by this department as to what is or what is not the law with reference to the county boundary in this particular case, it occurs to me on further reflection that the rule of decision as laid down in the case of Stephens County vs. Palo Pinto County must be followed by this department until that decision is either modified or over-ruled, and in advising you this to this effect, as I advised the parties a few days ago, this department does not undertake to question the correctness or incorrectness of that decision, but the decision will be followed until the Courts set it aside or modify it. I regret very much to note that this character of predicament arises. However, I see no other way out of the difficulty.

A carbon copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Ritchey at Clarendon, in reply to his of the 16th Inst.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner.

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Hon. J.T. Robinson,  
Land Commissioner,  
Austin Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 11th, inst to Mr J.S. Stallings, relative to line between Armstrong and Donley Counties was handed me this morning. I note that you state that the line run by Mr. Gray in March 1901, is now the recognized line between these counties, the same having been approved by your department April 25, 1902.

I wish to state that the information contained in your letter does not conform to information from your department at about the time the survey was made. We had the matter up with you at the time, and on one occasion you held as in your recent letter to Mr. Stallings, but on May 2, 1914, you wrote Mr. Gibson, who was County Attorney of this County at the time, that you had gone to the bottom of the matter and found that your former letter was erroneous. I have made a copy of the letter and am herewith handing it to you in order that you may know just what you wrote us at the time.

I am sincere in my belief that the line run by Carraway and Elston, is the only lawful line ever run between the Counties, is more nearly correct than any of them, and is entitled to be recognized as the line between these counties. The Statute was followed through

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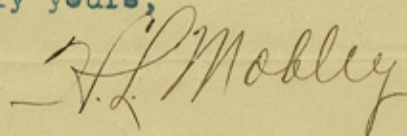
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out in making this survey because we were all anxious to have the matter settled for all time. Acting upon the information contained in your letter to Mr. Gibson, above mentioned, we spent some good money hoping to establish /a line between us, and all parties agreed that the line so run was more nearly correct than any other line heretofore run by any party, that it was and is the only line ever run as required by the Statute and that it is entitled to be recognized as the line between the two counties.

I think you will see from the letter written Mr. Gibson in May ~~1922~~ 1914 that you had given the matter careful attention at the time and that the information you gave out then was correct, and that the parties here had a right to believe that we had no recognized line between us and believed that a new survey would have to be made before the matter would be settled.

I trust that you will go into this matter again, and that you will find that the line run by Carraway and Elston is in every respect the true line between us, and that you will approve same.

Very truly yours,



County Judge,

Armstrong County.