# This Time The Anti-Trust Lawyers Won A Case Against A\&P 

As almost everyone now know, the anti-trut lawyers in Wachington have brought a civil auit to dectroy APP. Thay ack the courts to order the discolution of this company.
They say that this suit is based on the fact that they won a suit against us at Danville, Illinois, in 1948.
They did. In that case, Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley made a decinion againat A\&P.
Immediately thereafter, in a letter explaining his decision, Judge Lindley wrote:

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& \text { be the basis for a suit of dissolution." }
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So, now we have the anti-trust l.wyers saying that their suit to dissolve A\&P is based on Judge Lindley's decidion; while Judge Lindley himself says his decision could not be the basis for a suit of dissolution. In previous ads we told you about the cases against A\&P which the anti-trust lawyers lost. We promised to tall you about this case they won. Here is the story of the Danville caso.

## What Judge Lindley Objected To

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