COSTLY OIL LEASES.

A Supreme Court Decision Creating Trouble for Operators.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INVOLVED.

Documents That Remain in Force Until They Are Returned.

DEFAULTERS NOW FORCED TO PAY UP

"The oil and gas lesse holders of Pennsylvania are an unhappy lot of people just now," H. J. Brunot, the gas and oil man, of Westmoreland county, said yesterday. "They are now suffering from and are threatened with more litigation than any other class of people," he went on. "Unless the Supreme Court can be induced to reverse itself, it will be found that many of the gas and oil men are not as rich as they estimated themselves."

Mr. Brunot had been discussing the case of Mrs. Rugh against J. M. Guffey, which was disposed of in the Allegheny county courts last week. Guffey had leased a tract of land from the woman. Two test wells had been drilled on the property. Both were failures, and in consequence the lease was allowed to go by default. The money provided for in the lease was paid to the woman and the lease was supposed to die by expiration.

Leases Must Be Formally Resigned.

It seems, however, that the document remained in full force under a recent decision of the Supreme Court, which held that a of the Supreme Court, which held that a lease expired only when it was returned by the lessee to the lesser, and that the lessee was liable for the rental so long as he retained in his possession his copy of the lease. The Allegheny County Court instructed the jury to find for the plaintiff. The amount involved in this particular case was only about \$300, but it is said by oil men that the decision, if it stands, will affect hundreds and thousands of cases throughout the State. Many of such cases, it is said, extend back almost to the first discovery of oil. tend back almost to the first discovery of oil and cas in Pennsylvania, and might bank rupt many producers now prosperous, who spent years in wildcatting and prospecting

before they finally struck it rich.

The case decided against Mr. Guffey will be carried up to the Supreme Court by George A. Jenks, ex-United States Solicitor General, who will prepare his argument and will endeavor to have the highest court reverse its former decision. An Enormous Amount Involved.

"It would be difficult to estimate the number of just such cases brought by land owners against their former tenants or lease holders since the Supreme Court decision," continued Mr. Brunot. "Our own company, which has been organized but a few years, has already been compelled to pay several thousand dollars. and there seems to be no escape for us. Oil and gas leases are made all in the same way. They are fixed and dated for a certain time but the wording and construction and the but the wording and construction and the limit fixed seem to have no bearing before the courts. The verdict is always the same. No lease holder ever dreamed that to satisfy the law and relieve himself from responsibility, he had to return the lease to the owner of the land and of course he never did so. As a result, we are all threatened with a suit from every nice of property we ever had from every piece of property we ever had anything to do with. Our company is not more unfortunate than all other companies, and the individual operator and produces finds himself in the same uncomfortable

"Our only hope," Mr. Brunot concluded, is that the Supreme Court will reverse itself and thus save us."

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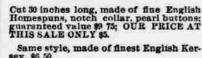
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