

CHAPTER 84.

FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF POOLS, ETC.

S. F. 35. AN ACT for the Punishment of Pools, Trusts and Conspiracies, and as to Evidence in Such Cases.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Parties enter-
ing pools guilty
of conspiracy.

SECTION 1. If any corporation organized under the laws of this State or any other State or country for transacting or conducting any kind of business in this State, or any partnership or individual shall create, enter into, become a member of or a party to any pool, trust, agreement, combination or confederation with any other corporation, partnership or individual to regulate or fix the price of oil, lumber, coal, grain, flour, provisions or any other commodity or article whatever; or shall create, enter into, become a member of or a party to any pool, agreement, combination or confederation to fix or limit the amount or quantity of any commodity or article to be manufactured, mined, produced, or sold in this State, shall be deemed guilty of a conspiracy to defraud, and be subject to indictment and punishment as provided in the next section.

Punishment.

SEC. 2. Any person or corporation found guilty of a violation of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, nor to exceed five thousand dollars, and stand committed until such fine paid.

Trials.

SEC. 3. Upon the trial of an indictment against a corporation or a co-partnership for a violation of the first section of this act, all officers and agents of such corporation or copartnership shall be competent witnesses against the defendant on trial and such officers and agents may be compelled to testify against such defendant and produce all books and papers in his custody or under his control pertinent to the issue in such trial, and shall not be excused from answering any such question, or from producing any books and papers because the same might tend to criminate such witness; but nothing which such witness shall testify to, and no books or papers produced by him shall in any manner be used against him in any suit, civil or criminal, to which he is a party.

Witnesses.

Repealing
clause.

SEC. 4. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

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