

### HIGHER COURT RULES ON A MONTANA CASE

Billings, Feb. 10.—Notice of a ruling by the United States circuit court of appeals for the Ninth circuit was received today by the law firm of Grimstad and Brown which reverses a decision rendered here in the United States district court, confiscating an automobile belonging to A. K. Stuper, convicted of illegally transporting liquor, and ordering the car sold. The McWowell Motor company held a lien against the automobile and interceded, carrying the case to the circuit court of appeals on a writ of error.

The decision, written by Judge William H. Hunt of San Francisco, holds that the National prohibition law repeals section 3450 of the revised statutes under which the district court decision was made, and that the government must protect liens against automobiles taken from bootleggers before the machine can be sold.

## Higher Federal Court Reverses Ruling

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