

"It is a familiar rule that a thing may be within the letter of the statute and yet not within the statute, because not within its spirit nor within the intention of its makers."
Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 143 U.S. 457 (1892).

"[T]he headnote is not the work of the court, nor does it state its decision It is simply the work of the reporter, gives his understanding of the decision, and is prepared for the convenience of the profession in the examination of the reports."
U.S. v. Detroit Lumber, 200 U.S. 321 (1906).

"[T]he general right to contract . . . is part of the liberty of the individual . . . ; yet it is equally well settled that this liberty is not absolute and . . . a state may . . . restrict in many respects the individual's power of contract." *Muller v. Oregon*, 208 U.S. 412 (1908).



In re Debs, 158 U.S. 564 (1895).

"As Congress cannot make compacts between the states, as it cannot, in respect to certain matters, by legislation compel their separate action, disputes between them must be settled either by force or else by appeal to tribunals empowered to determine the right and wrong thereof. Force, under our system of government, is eliminated. The clear language of the Constitution vests in this court the power to settle those disputes." *Kansas v. Colorado*, 206 U.S. 46 (1907).

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