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M. O. LITZ



HOMER B. WOODS

BENCH AND BAR

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, December 18, 1936, the following order was made and entered, to-wit:

IN RE RETIREMENT OF JUDGES LITZ AND WOODS

Speaking for the members of the Court who remain on the bench Judge Kenna made the following statement:

“Those of us who remain here wish to extend to Judges Litz and Woods an expression of our sincere regret at the severance of the ties of common labor that have brought us all into the closest and most pleasant of daily contact. The exacting work of the court has been made agreeable by their geniality, and their wisdom has enriched our deliberations. We wish for them each many years in which to enjoy the gratitude and high esteem of the people

of West Virginia, which they have so highly deserved.”

Thereupon, Judge Woods responded as follows:

“I have had the honor to sit on the Supreme Court of Appeals of this State with Judge W. N. Miller for three and one-half years; with Judge Lively eight years; with Judge Litz twelve years; with Judge Hatcher twelve years; with Judge Maxwell eight and one-half years; and with Judge Kenna four years. During all those years, I received the respect, good will and help of each of the jurists named for which I am deeply grateful. The cordial coöperation accorded me by them on the bench and in the conference room, and in the discharge of the onerous official duties incurred made it possible to bear the burdens of the office. These sentiments apply to the fine loyalty and faithfulness of the Clerk and each attaché of this court.

“Having served twenty years on the circuit bench I can safely say that the appellate work of the highest court of the State is much more exacting and burdensome than the *nisi prius* work of the circuit courts. The days spent there were, however, most happy. I thank my brethren for their uniform courtesy and wish for their careers of ever increasing honor and usefulness.

“I bespeak for our successors in office the same happy relations.”

Judge Litz also responded as follows:

“I join with Judge Woods in the heartfelt sentiments so well expressed by him.”

It is ordered that the foregoing proceedings be published in the official reports of this Court.

A true copy.

Attest:

WM. B. MATHEWS,
Clerk Supreme Court of Appeals.