IMPORTANT CHANGES IN FEDERAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION.—By
an Act of Congress of February 13, 1925, effective three months
from that date, important changes in the jurisdiction of the
Supreme Court and the circuit courts of appeal come into being,
to the end of facilitating work and clearing an overcrowded docket.
The chief purpose of this Act is to relieve the Supreme Court
from the burden of deciding cases involving questions of insufficient
importance to take its time and thus prevent early decisions on
serious constitutional interpretations. Other purposes are served,
in that appellate procedure is simplified, no complicated machinery
is set up to trap the unwary, the long waiting list of those to be
heard is lessened by disposing of cases on the docket, and the writ
of error or appeal prosecuted for the sole purpose of delay loses its
prime object. In attaining the desired end the Supreme Court's
jurisdiction is unaffected and at the same time its overcrowded
docket is relieved. By a wider use of the writ of certiorari and
by certificate of the lower court of questions for answer, any case
heretofore reviewable by the Supreme Court is, if the Court finds