

## **Receive Summons in Big Suit**

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Today U.S. deputy marshal Sterling Stamper received the summons for the following men to appear before the Federal Court in Muskogee on August 6:

R.D. Wilbur, Bob Connell, Len Wright, Dr. A.P. Hampton, A.J. Steen, Warner Dickson, Charles Shumaker, John Palmer, F.C. Boswell, Sterling Stamper, R.E. Crossett, Henry Winston, Charles Strawn, John Norwell, Harve White and W.E. Larecy.

The above named men were members of the Choctaw County council of defense during the war and are now being sued by Charles F. Reese of Soper, a preacher, who it is alleged uttered unpatriotic statements about the government, and was whipped by the members of the council of defense, it is alleged.

The plaintiff's lawyer is M.A. Keunamer of Boswell and the suit for damages is \$20,000 – Hugo News.