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***Levy Muddle at Annapolis***

***Legal Battle Will Begin in Court of Appeals Tomorrow***

Bright and early tomorrow morning a party of Baltimore lawyers will journey to Annapolis, with a dozen or more members of the city council. The Court of Appeals will be the goal and the Mayor-Council muddle the object of their trip.

“Thomas G. Hayes, a taxpayer, vs. James. P. Gorter, collector of Baltimore City; and James H. Smith, comptroller”—this is now the case appears upon the court docket.

Mr. Edgar H. Gans will argue for the mayor and Mr. H. Arthur Stump for Messrs. Gorter and Smith. Major Richard M. Venable, of the Second Branch City Council, will aid Mr. Stump, as the real defendants are the refractory solons. Mayor Hayes is confident that he will win, and the councilmen are equally confident that he will lose.

The main point of contention between His Honor and the solons concerns the validity of the latter's amendment of the ordinance of estimates. The court will also pass upon the legality of the mayor's veto of parts of the levy ordinance and the legal standing of the “outlaw” levy measure. The practical result of the court's decision will be the solution of the question as to whether the tax rate for 1901 shall be \$1.95 or \$1.81-1/2.