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Slovak vs. Johns-Manville Corp.

This common law action, seeking to recover damages in the amount of $40,000, was filed in December, 1946. It raised some very close questions of law and attorney for the plaintiff apparently felt his case was none too strong. This has resulted in his offering to settle for $750 and I have authorized Mr. Cooper to arrange a settlement for not in excess of that figure, since it is very much less than what we would have to expend if it went to trial.

I think we are safe in assuming that any future claim for occupational disability resulting from exposure to dust will be governed by the Occupational Diseases Law. No one who left our employ in 1944 - prior to the effective date of the Act, (January 1, 1945), can now bring a common law action inasmuch as a 2-year statute of limitations applies to such claims.

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