

# Industrial Districting Law is Called Illegal.

## FIGHT "ZONING" IN COURTS.

*Wilshire Residents Organize in Effort to  
Have Ordinances Found Illegal.*

Property owners and business men who are opposed to the so-called "zoning" ordinances which restrict large areas of the city to residences and create a monopoly in favor of those business establishments already located inside of these districts, have organized to bring the entire matter in the courts, where they are confident the legislation will be set aside as unconstitutional.

The Wilshire Improvement Association has been formed with Judge Charles F. Crall as president; William H. Akin, vice-president; Ernest A. Becker, Jr., secretary, and S. J. Chapman, treasurer. These officers, with H. R. Kells, H. H. Belden and Arthur Lack, constitute the board of directors. Attorney Milton M. Cohen of the firm of Dominguez, Dehm and Cohen, has been retained as counsel by the association, and he will conduct the fight in the courts in an effort to have the entire list of residence districting ordinances declared illegal.

It is not unlikely that the ordinances will be brought into the courts as the result of action taken by the City Prosecutor's office in prosecuting owners of business buildings now being built inside of zone No. 5, which is the district bounded by Sixth, Seventh and Catalina streets and Vermont avenue. After zone No. 5 amendment to the "zoning" ordinance had been passed by the Council a building permit was issued to A. G. Tibbits to erect one-story business buildings at the southeast corner of Sixth and Berendo streets, to cost \$28,000, and to be occupied as stores. On the 19th inst. the amendment to the "zoning" ordinance becomes effective, making it illegal to operate new business establishments in this district, and giving those inside of the "zone" until 1925 to move.

Councilman Langdon reported to the Council last week that in spite of the amendment, the business buildings were being built, and the Council then instructed the City Prosecutor to arrest the owners and prosecute them. It is believed that under the ordinance this cannot be done until the buildings are completed and the business establishments are in actual operation. If they are in operation after June 19, the owners will be arrested for establishing businesses in the district after March 1, 1920, and the case will be fought through to the highest courts.

While City Attorney Burnell will defend the actions in the court, Mr. Burnell said recently that he warned the Council at the time he was directed by that body to draw up the "zoning" ordinances that he had grave doubts that the courts would sustain them.

It is said that at sixty years of age a woman's chance of marrying is one-tenth of 1 per cent, or one chance in 1000.

Four-fifths of the women factory workers in Japan are engaged in spinning, weaving and dyeing.