

**5357. Adulteration and misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. \* \* \* v. Southland Cotton Oil Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$200 and costs. (F. & D. No. 7859. I. S. No. 19851-1.)**

On February 15, 1917, the United States attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Southland Cotton Oil Co., a corporation, doing business at Chandler, Okla., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about January 11, 1916, from the State of Oklahoma into the State of Iowa, of a quantity of an article labeled in part: "Cotton Seed Meal," which was adulterated and misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Ether extract (per cent).....	7.35
Crude fiber (per cent).....	14.65
Crude protein (per cent).....	32.06
Total ammonia (per cent).....	6.24

The product is deficient in protein.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, cottonseed hulls, had been mixed and packed with the article so as to lower or reduce and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for cottonseed meal which the article purported to be.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement borne on the tags attached to the sacks, to wit, "Cotton Seed Meal," was false and misleading in that it represented that said article consisted exclusively of cottonseed meal; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid, so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it consisted exclusively of cottonseed meal, whereas, in truth and in fact, it did not, but consisted of a mixture of cottonseed meal and cottonseed hulls.

On February 19, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$200 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*