

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions
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BROOKLYN CONTRACTOR PAYS \$3,600 WAGE-HOUR FINE

A fine of \$3,600, one of the highest ordered in a case involving violation of the Federal Wage and Hour Law, has been paid by a Brooklyn contractor of ladies' sport and dress coats, upon conviction by a jury in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, it was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage & Hour Division.

The contractor is Sol Gelfand, 204 Varet Street, Brooklyn.

Sentence, pronounced by Judge Harold M. Kennedy, was a fine of \$300 on each of 12 counts submitted and on which the jury found Gelfand guilty. Ten of the counts charged Gelfand with shipping goods in commerce which had been made in violation of the overtime provisions of the Wage-Hour Law. The other two counts alleged that he had falsified his payroll records.

The Wage-Hour Division at the trial, one of relatively few such cases brought before a jury, was represented by John A. Hughes and Francis V. LaRuffa, of the Division's New York regional office, who acted as Special Assistants to the United States Attorney. The jury's verdict and Judge Kennedy's sentence were announced December 13, Gelfand making full payment on December 22.