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The Life of Elbert H. Gary; the story of steel

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Notes: Senator A.J. Hopkins on Elbert Gary

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United States Senator A. J. Hopkins on Judge Gary
as a Lawyer

Senator Hopkins and Judge Gary started in the law about the same time - 1870. They practiced side by side for twenty-five years. Senator Hopkins says of Judge Gary as a lawyer:

" His rise in his profession was neither spectacular nor phenomenal. It was steady and progressive. Every year added to his experience and ability; and long before he abandoned the profession of the law for the business career in which he is now recognized as one of the great captains of industry, he had attained a position in the first rank of his profession in the State of Illinois.

"The leaders of the Bar of Chicago will compare favorably with those in any other city or state in the republic. That Judge Gary had attained a position of eminence among these leaders before he abandoned the practice of law for his still greater achievements in business and industry, demonstrates his eminence in his profession. Had he remained in his profession he would before this, in my judgment, have been one of the distinguished members of the Supreme Court of this State, or would have held an honorable position on the Federal Bench."