

# JOHN DUPREE GETS NEW TRIAL GRANT

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Supreme Court Says Lumberman Convicted After Delay Is to Have Chance.

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John Dupree, the veteran lumberman of this city, convicted in May, 1912, of taking improper liberties with a little girl, has been granted a new trial by the Supreme court. Dupree was arrested in September, 1911, and his trial was not begun until the following April. Delay after delay was secured by his attorneys, Dunham & Dunham, until finally Judge Stuart forced the case to trial.

The charge against Mr. Dupree was that of assault with intent to commit a statutory crime. In returning a verdict the jury reduced this to taking improper liberties. A motion for a new trial was denied and an appeal taken to Supreme court, where a decision has been pending for some time. Dupree is sixty-three years of age. The Supreme court held that Judge Stuart was argumentative in his charge to the jury in so far as it dealt with the testimony and the witnesses.

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