

Albert L. Reeves (1873–1971)

BIOGRAPHY

Albert L. Reeves was appointed a federal judge by Warren G. Harding in 1923. A native of Steelville, Missouri, Reeves received his undergraduate degree from Steelville College in 1898 and studied law the following year before being admitted to the Missouri bar. He began practicing law in Steelville, Missouri in 1889 and later moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he continued his legal practice and became active in public service.

Reeves served as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives from 1901 to 1902. He later served as counsel to the Missouri State Insurance Department from 1909 to 1913 and as a member of the Missouri State Civil Service Commission in Kansas City from 1916 to 1917. From 1921 until 1923, he served as a commissioner for the Supreme Court of Missouri. During this period, Reeves was also a lecturer at the Kansas City Dental College and the Kansas City School of Law.

Once a member of the federal judiciary, Reeves served as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri from 1948 until 1954. He assumed senior status on February 2, 1954, and continued to serve the court for many years thereafter. Judge Reeves' service terminated on March 24, 1971, upon his death in Dunedin, Florida.