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### ILLINOIS HUNTERS FINED FOR SHOOTING DUCKS OVER ANOTHER PERSON'S DECOYS

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M. A. Henninger and Frank W. Rudolph, of Havana, Ill., were recently fined \$25 each by Judge Adair in the United States Court of the Southern District of Illinois for shooting wild waterfowl in Fulton County, Ill., over bait and live decoys. The hunters had built a blind on property adjoining that of a man who kept live decoys next to a drainage canal in the Matanzas drainage district. They shot wild ducks attracted to this spot by corn and the decoys.

A game management agent of the U. S. Biological Survey and an inspector of the Illinois Conservation Department apprehended the law violators.

In finding the men guilty of violating regulations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the judge stated that it made no difference who owned the live decoys as the men were taking advantage of the situation and if the case was dismissed more hunters would do as they had done.

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