

That miner eloquently cursed,  
And said, "I'll see you—elsewhere first".

Thus was begun the famous case  
That filled the journals of the place,  
And thither called a mighty host  
From all the wide Pacific coast—  
A dozen lawyers on a side,  
And eminent experts multiplied;  
Maps of the biggest and the best,  
And models till you couldn't rest;  
Samples of rock and vein formation,  
And assays showing "mineralization";  
And theories of that or this,  
And revelations of "genesis",  
And summings-up of sound and fury  
Poured out upon the judge and jury.  
No matter now which party lost—  
It took the mine to pay the cost;  
And all the famous fight who saw  
Beheld, with mingled pride and awe,  
What science breeds when crossed with law.