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THE MEXICAN TRAMWAYS COMPANY (GREAT BRITAIN) *v.*  
UNITED MEXICAN STATES

*(Decision No. 121. January 22, 1932. Pages 355-356. See also decision No. 65.)*

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PROCEDURE. MOTION TO REOPEN CASE. Motion to reopen case to argue issue of lack of jurisdiction on two grounds, one of which had been debated between the Agents prior to the closing of pleadings, *granted*, limited to a discussion by the Agents of that one of the grounds for lack of jurisdiction which had been not theretofore pressed.

1. The Mexican Agent has filed a motion in which he requests that the Commission may see fit to declare themselves incompetent to take cognizance of the claim. He relies upon two grounds of incompetence, the *first* being his contention that the claimant Company has accepted a Calvo Clause, and the *second* that the acts complained of by the claimant Company were not revolutionary or military acts, but ordered by civil authorities.

He requests the Commission to reopen the case in order that he may be able to amplify orally his considerations.

2. The Commission observe that the second ground on which the Mexican Agent bases his argument, has been amply discussed between the two agents before the pleadings were closed. They cannot allow that a new discussion shall take place.

As regards the first ground, the Commission admit that it was not pressed when the case was discussed.

The Commission rule that the case is reopened in order that the Agents may present oral arguments which must be strictly confined to the effect of the existence of a Calvo Clause.

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DIRECT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM BETWEEN AGENTS. Direct settlement of claim by agreement between British and Mexican Agents approved by tribunal.

*(Text of decision omitted.)*

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