## FDR's Court-Packing Plan

- Supreme Court opposed many of FDR's programs and consistently vetoed some New Deal legislation. The Supreme Court ruled several key laws unconstitutional:
- NRA: (National Recovery Act) was declared unconstitutional because it gave Congress the power to regulate intrastate commerce (commerce within a single state) and violated the separation of powers.
- AAA: (Agricultural Adjustment Act) was struck down because the court believed that agriculture was a local, not an interstate matter, under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- FDR asked Congress to approve a law that would allow the president to increase the number of judges from nine to fifteen if judges refused to retire at age 70.
- The <u>Judicial Reorganization Bill</u> became known as the <u>"Court-packing" plan</u> and was intended to make the Supreme Court approve New Deal laws. It never became law, threatening the separation of powers.



## Plans To Make The High Court Higher By Bog Manning ERECTED COURT JUST RAISE THE ARCH EHOUGH TO LET MY TRUCKS THROUGH

