On Hazardous Business

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IMAGE DESCRIPTION:
Image depicts a "Standard Oil" snake coiled around Uncle Sam. The snake has several tails, which are labeled "Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma," and "Texas." On the head of the snake, the cartoonist has drawn the face of John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil. Rockefeller drove all his competitors out of business and created a monopoly of the US petroleum industry. In 1908, the United States government launched a major anti-trust suit which targeted Rockefeller's company. In May 1911, the U.S. Supreme Court declared Standard Oil in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and dismantled the company.

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