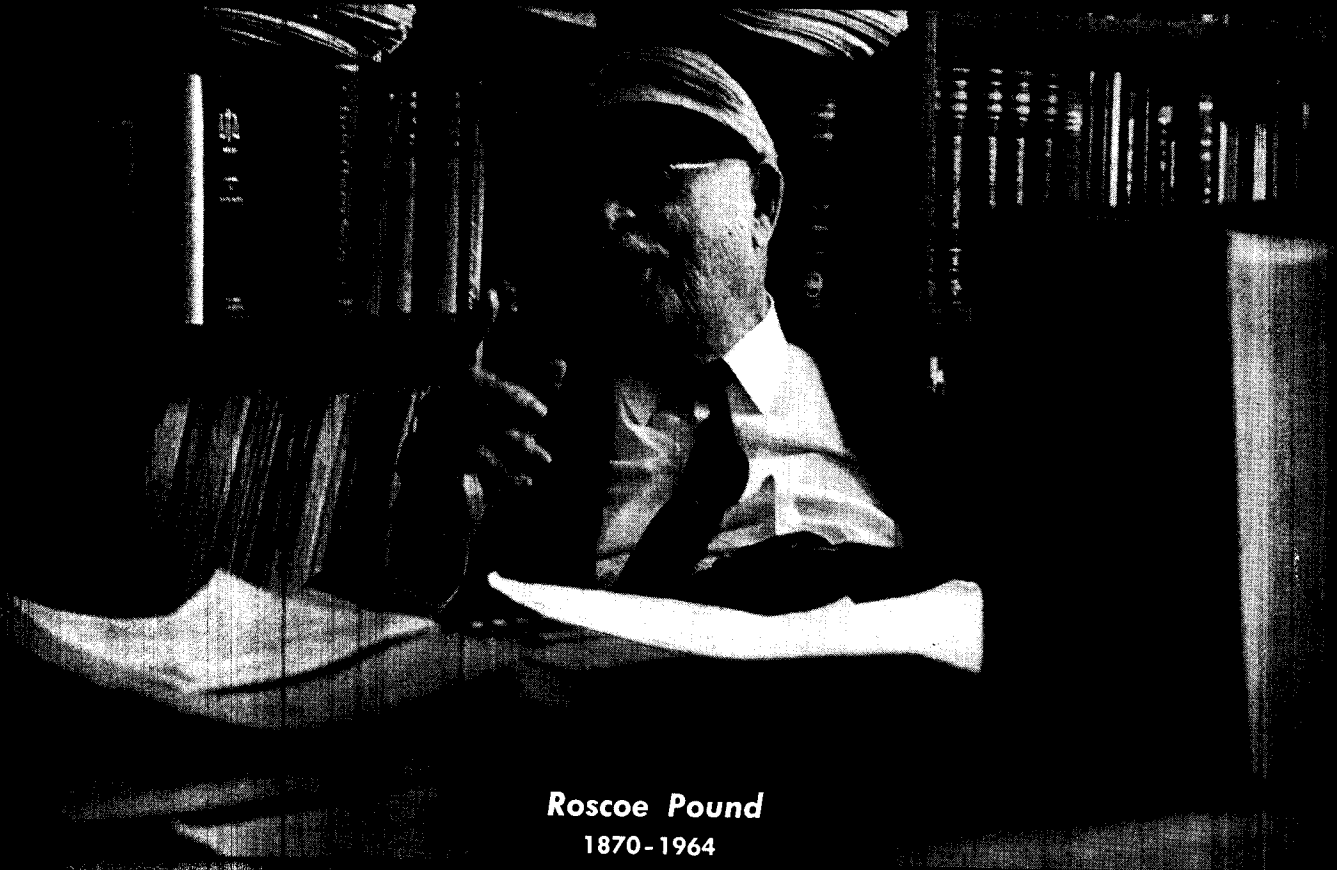


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ROSCOE POUND was one of those rare human beings of such broad capabilities that they are able to gain distinction in diverse fields. Before he entered upon his legal career, Roscoe Pound had earned an international reputation as a botanist, and Dr. Otto Kuntze, an eminent German scientist, named a newly discovered fungus *Roscoepoundia* in his honor.

A fungus is a simple form of plant life distinguished by lack of green coloring matter, chlorophyll, in its cells. For this reason, the fungus is unable to synthesize its own carbohydrates from atmospheric carbon dioxide and is dependent upon other organisms for the sustaining of its life. Fungi are reproduced by spores, which are carried far and wide in the atmosphere and may remain dormant for many years until favorable surroundings enable them to burst into life.

The judicial reform movement which Roscoe Pound helped to bring into being a half-century ago has some of the characteristics of *Roscoepoundia*. Lawyers and judges have found that they cannot achieve court modernization and improvement through their own efforts alone, but must draw heavily upon the understanding, good will and support of businessmen, educators, workers and other elements of society. This has been a consistent pattern since the great reforms of English judicature in the 1870's down to the present day when citizens' organizations have brought major