

## **THOMAS COWAN MCCLELLAN**

Associate Justice: 1906-1923

BORN: January 11, 1873; Athens, Alabama

DIED: July 29, 1929; Birmingham, Alabama



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A native of Athens, Alabama, Thomas Cowan McClellan was the son of Robert A. and Aurora Pryor McClellan. From 1890-1892, he attended the University of Alabama, however, he did not graduate from there. He did graduate from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee in 1893. McClellan was admitted to the bar that same year and began practicing law in his home town.

His political career began in 1896 when he was elected mayor of Athens. He served a two year term. He was also a trustee at the University of Alabama from 1899-1923. In 1906, McClellan was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama as an associate justice. He was re-elected in 1912 and again in 1918. He resigned in 1923 to practice law in Birmingham, where he resided.

McClellan first married Emily Donelson Horton in 1894, until her death in 1896. They had one son, Robert Anderson. He second married Sue Ruth Phillips in 1902. They had one daughter, Ruth.