

**APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER HAS
ALREADY BEEN MADE.**

RESULT OF MUCH LITIGATION.

**LEADING PROMOTERS SPEAK FREE-
LY OF THE ENTERPRISE.**

**Harry Friedberg Talks Bitterly—Mrs.
Lydia Albert Regains Her Child
—Two More Contests Filed
—County Jail Made
More Safe.**

The litigation now pending in which the Consolidated Electric Light and Power Company, of Kansas City, Kas., is sought to be placed in the hands of the United States court and a receiver appointed, has brought to a head the effort being made by a number of prominent business men to establish a new electric light plant in this city.

Yesterday in the office of the secretary of state application was made for a charter

by several of the most prominent men of the city.

Mr. W. S. Beard, one of the promoters of the new enterprise, was seen in regard to the matter, and while not wishing to talk about the affair, admitted that the charter had been applied for and that a plant would be built and in operation in a short time. It is said that the city will be given a chance to obtain control of the new plant, or, if that was not satisfactory, it would be operated as a private concern.

The city is now paying \$26,500 a year for lighting the streets, about 80 per cent of which is paid for electric lights. With all this expenditure the streets are poorly lighted.

The new company, according to Mr. Beard, would effect a saving of 50 per cent of the sum now expended, and give much better satisfaction to the taxpayers of the city. The men connected with Mr. Beard are all reliable business men and the new company will start with ample financial backing to make a success of the enterprise.

Mr. Harry Friedberg, general manager of the United Electric Light Company, was interviewed by the reporter of the Journal regarding the new company. The United Electric Light Company is the name of the consolidated company in Missouri.

"The consolidated company's contract with the city," said Mr. Friedberg, "is as valid as any can be. There has been a set of men in this city who, under the guise of patriotic citizens, have been continually trying to stab our company and break our contract. I have no doubt that this new company is another scheme of this sort."