

## *Illinois Central RR Co. v. Illinois (1892)*

“The ownership of the navigable waters of the harbor, and of the lands under them, is a subject of public concern to the whole people of the state. The trust with which they are held, therefore, is governmental, and cannot be alienated, except in those instances mentioned, of parcels used in the improvement of the interest thus held, or when parcels can be disposed of without detriment to the public interest in the lands and waters remaining.”

The “power to resume the trust whenever the state judges best is, we think, incontrovertible.”