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DALLAS, Feb. 7.(AP)—James W. St. Clair, chairman of the national basketball rules committee, says something must be done about giant goal-tenders. If not, he sees a return to the old stalling game.

"It is plainly evident that we'll have to do something to remove the premium now placed on abnormal height and devise a way to reduce or eliminate the tall player's effectiveness on defense," he said today.

"At present it is illegal to interfere with the ball directly over the basket but a lot of these giants are doing such a good job that they're managing to bat the ball away before it reaches the protected zone."

St. Clair advances as probably the best means a rule making it illegal to touch the ball anywhere after it starts its downward arc.

publicized incidents as the ousting of Bill Cox, Phil Prexy, on gambling charges; the Brooklyn Dodger "rebellion" at the time of the Bobo Newsom incident, and Minor League Commissioner William G. Bramham's quelling of a revolt in the ranks by the magic of proxy votes.

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