The notoriously antediluvian Supreme Court boldly ventured into the 20th century on Monday, as the coronavirus pandemic prompted the justices to make history by using a conference call to hear arguments from lawyers on a pending case.

The virtual arrangement spurred by the dangers of the deadly virus also led to another innovation the Supreme Court has long resisted: live broadcast of its proceedings.

The case that broke ground Monday involved an arcane application of trademark law to website names, but more significant cases are set for argument under the same protocol in the coming days, including several disputes over subpoenas for President Donald Trump’s financial records.