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The Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and state attorneys general have grabbed headlines over potential antitrust cases against digital platforms. But advocates calling for expanded sector-specific regulatory controls are playing the longer game. They benefit from widespread skepticism that antitrust actions under current jurisprudence and resource constraints will justify society's interest in the proper operation of big technology companies. Phil Verveer, a seasoned antitrust expert whose career began with the antitrust case against the Bell System, describes the practical and legal obstacles facing a new big monopolization case in a [recent report](#). This masterful summary explains why so many advocates and commentators are looking for a regulatory alternative.

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