

JOSÉ GIL FORTOUL

Lawyer, politician, diplomat, writer and
historian
(Venezuela, 1861-1942)



GALLERY
of HISTORIANS
and GEOGRAPHERS of
AMERICA

He is considered one of the main representatives of the positivist school in Venezuela. He studied law and political sciences and represented his country as a diplomat before several nations; this circumstance led to his writing the greater part of his published works while away from his native land. By presidential decree, he was designated to write a history of Venezuela as commemoration of the change of century; the result had as its name "Constitutional History of Venezuela"; unfortunately, he did not succeed in finishing this, as death took him when he was preparing his third volume.

Wrote: *La esgrima moderna / Filosofía penal:*
Estudios críticos / El hombre y la Historia
(ensayo de sociología venezolana)