

**JUDGE OBJECTS TO INFLUENCING OF GRAND JURY**

Cites for Contempt Lawyer Who Takes Client Before Body.

**NOT IN MARION COUNTY**

By Staff Correspondent.  
ELKHART, Ind., Oct. 4.—In the 34th Judicial District, consisting of Elkhart and Lagrange Counties, it is the contention of an attorney to attempt to influence a grand jury in behalf of his client.

In the Marion County Criminal Court an attempt was recently made to punish for contempt a newspaper man because the newspaper with which he was connected exposed an effort of an attorney to "try his case before the Marion County grand jury."

In Elkhart the court cited for contempt the attorney who approached the grand jury.

The court at Elkhart makes no pretense to being a "good government and clean politics" beacon light.

Its judge does not claim to be "nationally noted," nor to have evolved through experience or otherwise, any methods of "reforming" confirmed criminals.

**RECORD OF ELKHART CASE.**

Louis W. Vall, an attorney, on the morning of Sept. 23, entered the grand jury room with Willis D. Widner, where Vall said Widner was under suspicion in connection with a transaction which the grand jury was then investigating, and that Vall wished the grand jury to hear Widner's story of the transaction.

Neither Vall nor Widner was under subpoena, and Glen R. Sawyer, deputy prosecutor, immediately filed a showing before Judge William B. Hile of the Elkhart Superior Court, charging that the grand jury in company with Widner was for the purpose of obstructing and embarrassing the deliberations of said grand jury and the orderly administration of justice.

Judge Hile immediately cited Vall for contempt of court and the proceedings was disposed of recently through the public apology of Vall.

**PROCEDURE IN MARION COUNTY.**

In Marion County, Charles W. Rollinson, attorney for Harry Parsons, appeared with Parsons before the Marion County grand jury and not only examined Parsons in the grand jury room but also examined two other witnesses in behalf of Parsons in the grand jury room before the grand jury.

The proceeding was reported to Judge James A. Collins but no public notice was ever taken of it until the Indiana Daily Times printed the statement of Rollinson as to what had happened and called upon the Indianapolis Bar Association.

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**BOURKE COCHRAN TALKS HERE 16TH**

Noted Democrat Includes City in Tour of State.

W. Bourke Cochran, New York, former congressman, and one of the country's leading Democrats, will speak in Indianapolis Oct. 22. He is now serving in the Democratic National Speakers' Bureau.

While in this state, Mr. Cochran will speak at Terre Haute Oct. 18, and at Elkhart Oct. 22. Mr. Henderson announced that Mr. Cochran has been an interesting figure in Democratic national politics for many years.

Born in Ireland he came to this country in 1871, becoming prominent in New York politics soon after his arrival here. He campaigned for William Jennings Bryan for President in 1900, later serving in Congress as representative from the Twelfth New York district.

Unknown to the citizens, Mr. Cochran is also an unrecruited agent, as he walked through the streets of the city, James M. Cox, Democratic candidate for President of the United States, was in Indianapolis Sunday.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Vice Presidential nominee, was with Mr. Cox. Roosevelt joined the Presidential campaign at Terre Haute, riding to Indianapolis, where Mr. Cox is to remain a few days, prior to returning to New York.

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**WEATHER**

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m., Tuesday, Oct. 5: Fair tonight and Tuesday; somewhat cooler tonight.

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