

# STRIKING RAILROAD WORKER LYNCHED BY ARKANSAS MOB

## HERRIN WITNESS CAUSES WRANGLE BETWEEN LAWYERS

Jury Is Dismissed From Room While Nelson's Veracity Is Argued.

*By United Press*  
MARION, Ill., Jan. 16.—Dr. J. H. Coleman, first rebuttal witness for the prosecution in the Herrin massacre trial, testified today the general reputation of George Nelson, a State's witness, was "good."

"I've known George ever since he was 4 years old. I was his father's physician and I have practiced in George's family ever since he had one," the doctor declared.

"Are you acquainted with Nelson's general reputation in Williamson County as to truthfulness?" State Attorney DeLois Duty asked.

"I am."

"It is good."

On cross-examination, counsel for the defense asked the witness if he did not say Nelson was excommunicated from his church for alleged attack upon two nieces living in his home.

Prosecuting attorneys, led by Otis Glenn, directed a vigorous objection against the question.

"Your honor, Nelson might have committed murder and still be truthful," Glenn declared. "The defense should be held to specific charges attacking his reputation as to truthfulness."

The court ordered the jury from the room while opposing attorneys wrangled.

## KNIFE BUDGET, MINORITY URGES

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tical and can be done, but not under the present plans and specifications which will cost \$80,000, besides another \$30,000 to the same architect for supervision."

The minority members refused to sign the budget for the banking and insurance departments which they declared should be combined with the auditor's office. The report declares this would effect a saving of \$75,000 a year.

### Would Combine Offices

The report recommends that the offices of reporter of the Supreme Court and clerk of the Supreme Court be combined. This also has been recommended by Governor McCray.

The minority members refused to sign the budget for the automobile title registration and the automobile license departments of the office of the secretary of State. The report declares that these departments cost in excess of \$300,000 a year and that more than 100 employees are on the pay rolls. It declares the State went to Kentucky and bought license tags for \$75,000 while it had machinery to make the tags at the prison and reformatory. The report declares much of the automobile registration work could be done at the prison and reformatory at great saving.

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The State highway department also is scored in the minority report.

"We did not sign the highway budget calling for \$9,000,000," it says.

"Last year the commission paved 115 miles of road and about the same amount in 1921. With the paved roads taken over it now has 700 miles paved, or 23 per cent of the total State road mileage. It cost \$500 per mile to maintain the roads last year and the highway director says it will cost less the coming years. This would mean less than \$1,600,000 for maintenance. The Government pays half the cost of paving and an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for that purpose by Indiana would permit at least 125 miles to be paved next year, or more than ever before in any one year. Add to this the overhead expenses desired by the department, it makes a total of \$4,000,000."

The report says the minority is strong for good roads, but that it believes the proposed appropriation of \$4,000,000 is sufficient to obtain them.

### Would Not Impair

"An appropriation of \$4,000,000 would not impair the efficiency of the highway commission to the extent of a single dollar or a day's work or a foot of paving," the statement says.

The minority members declare the inheritance tax and the 3 cent levy which now go into the highway fund could not go into the general fund with an increase in automobile and truck license fees. They declare a gasoline tax also would be unnecessary. If the gasoline tax of 2 cents a gallon is levied, the State tax rate should be cut 6 cents on each \$100 of taxables, the report says.

## Boy Scouts Visit Machine Shop to Prepare for Merit Badge Exams



BOY SCOUTS WATCHING DEMONSTRATION AT WEIDLEY MOTORS COMPANY PLANT.

Twenty-four Indianapolis first-class Boy Scouts are preparing for an examination for merit badges in machinery. Robert Fay, scout master of Troop 32, acting under the direction of F. P. Nehibas, works manager of the Weidley Motors Company, gave the boys an illustrated talk on the fundamentals of machine work Monday afternoon at the Weidley Motors Company plant.

The boys will be given an examination on the subject covered by the discussion and demonstration. Scouts successful in the examination will receive a merit badge in the court of honor to be held in the Crayson Memorial Hall, in the Indianapolis Public Library, Feb. 7.

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held every month, when scouts who successfully passed examinations during the previous month are awarded merit badges.

The boys taking the work in preparation for the machinery merit badge are: Troop No. 55, Kenneth L. Gross, Harold Herman Raymond Breneman, Jack Turner, Taylor Roberts, Lawton C. Link, Lynn Turner and Raymond Harvey; Troop No. 9, Charles Cassell; Troop No. 42, William Amerman and Robert Relander; Troop No. 43, Harry McCalla; Troop No. 46, Harold E. Wright; Troop No. 47, Charles Van Buren; Troop No. 51, Robert Ferris Russells; Troop No. 21, Robert C. Winsted; Troop No. 59, Russell Walden; Troop No. 82, Carl Rinne, Robert Anderson and Crawford Yeazel.

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## Judiciary Committee Head Is War Veteran



Rep. R. B. Harrison, Indpls.

—By Times Staff Artist

Many of the most important measures in the Legislature go through Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. The chairman of that committee is Representative Russell B. Harrison of Indianapolis. Representative Harrison is a son of Benjamin Harrison and a veteran of the Spanish-American War. He is an attorney.

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## LARGE TERMINAL WILL BE BUILT

## Plans Made for \$1,100,000 Warehouse.

Work will be started early in the spring on a large terminal warehouse and business block to be built by the Terminal Building Corporation on the southwest corner of Pennsylvania and Georgia Sts. at a cost estimated at \$1,100,000, it was announced today.

The building will be five stories in height, will have a frontage of 245 feet on Pennsylvania St. and will extend 195 feet on Georgia St. The company has a ninety-nine-year lease.

A siding running over an elevation across Pennsylvania St. will afford easy storage facilities, and sidings will occupy most of the third floor of the building. Sidings also will be constructed to enable interurban traffic handling.

Officers of the company are W. J. Hogan, president, and B. E. Metcalfe, secretary. Plans for the proposed structure were drawn by Rubush & Hunter, architects.

## HOUSE RANSACKED

J. G. Louden, 1144 N. West St., proprietor of a poolroom, told police today a thief entered his home through a door leading from the poolroom. All rooms were ransacked. A Russian wolf was valued at \$30 was taken.

## MORMON LEADERS WILL LECTURE HERE TONIGHT

Dr. John N. Taylor of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Winslow F. Smith, leaders in the Mormon Church, will lecture tonight at the Metropolitan School of Music building.

Besides being a prominent church leader, having spent nearly four years in the European missions, Dr. Taylor, is deeply interested in athletics. He formerly played football on a team with John T. Axton, now head chaplain of the United States Army. Some years ago he was chosen by his church to introduce athletics and scouting in connection with the Mutual Improvement Association.

President Winslow Farr Smith, who with his family, will leave Chicago for their Salt Lake City home Jan. 29, is a cousin of Joseph Smith, the founder of the church, and a great-great-grandson of Captain Asael Smith, who led the revolutionary patriots in their first charge against the British at the battle of Lexington.

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Convention Is Largest Held in Chicago Since World Fair.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Fifteen thousand delegates from all parts of the world were here today for the thirtieth annual good-roads congress of America.

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