

# EDITOR MAGEE CONTINUES FIGHT ON COURT ORDER

## Conviction on Contempt Charge Is Taken to Supreme Bench.

Magee was sentenced for editorial attacks on the New Mexico courts published in the Tribune, a Scripps-Howard newspaper.

Ten days ago Magee printed a signed editorial in his paper, the New Mexico State Tribune, a Scripps-Howard publication, describing his predicament. The editorial follows:

"Next Tuesday I must face Judge Leahy in the District Court of San Miguel. I have been charged with

"Leahy's court isn't a court. It's a slaughter house. I doubt whether a case, civil or criminal, has been decided there on its merits in ten

"When I attack Leahy, my enemies accuse me of attacking the courts. But I'm not. I realize that courts are necessary, that they must be respected. Courts are the very foundation of our liberties.

"But I haven't any respect for Leahy's court and I refuse to pretend that I have. To do so is to help perpetuate the awful conditions that prevail, to bend a servile knee and cease to criticize the gang in

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"If the time ever comes that I can get Leahy on an equal footing with me in an honest court, I'll take him to the worst cleaning one

man ever received. About once every two weeks for a year I have accused him of being a corrupt judge, in the hope that I could inveigle him into suing me for libel. Then I'd have him down on the floor of the court with someone else on the bench and a jury in the box. Then the people will have a chance to know what Leahy really is. But he won't meet me on an even footing. "Leahy refused to give place to another judge in my cases. He re-

He brazenly sat as the judge of his own corruption—and decided that he wasn't corrupt and that I was a dangerous malinger of the courts. A year in jail and a \$4,000 fine was his idea of what was due me."

"It is impossible to disassociate Leahy the politician from Leahy the judge.

**Another Source**

"Instance upon instance demonstrates the lack of impartiality of

"Such exhibitions have been in connection with defendants who have been involved in political fights

against prominent Republican officeholders. There has been unrestrained abuse of defendants at the bar who have afterward been cleared of the stigma which Leahy attempted to place on them.

"When a public official is demonstrated to be unfit for his office, it is the duty of newspapers of the

right sort to expose his unfitness. It matters not if he is Davis J. Leahy, backed by a powerful county political machine and a right bower of a State political machine."

# MORGAN CALM; AWAITING WATSON

## May Appeal Case if Summary Discharge Comes.

Although an inspector was going over Morgan's records Wednesday, and R. C. Minton has been notified to get ready to take over work as acting director; despite reports of Senator Watson's friends Morgan will continue to hold office.

Morgan appears calm and unruffled. Morgan says he will not resign nor accept transfer. When asked what his action would be if he received notification he was summarily discharged, he indicated he might appeal to higher authorities.

"Even then the discharge by Commissioner Haynes might not be final," Morgan said. "I know what I'll do in that case, but I don't care to say what it is just now. I'm not crossing any bridges before I come to them."

Morgan declared presence of the inspector from Washington had no particular significance, as inspection was made frequently.