

SLAIN CHIEF'S EFFIGY OFFERED AS EVIDENCE

Finally Ruled Out by Judge at 16 Textile Strikers' Murder Trial.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 5.—A black-draped, life-size effigy of the late Police Chief O. F. Aderholt of Gastonia was brought into the court room where sixteen textile strikers are being tried for his murder today. Defense attorneys jumped to their feet shouting objections.

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