

LILLIE BANKS,

a witness introduced by Mr. Ray, having been duly sworn testified as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q Your name? A Lillie Banks.

Q Will you tell the Coroner's Jury what you know about the case? A

Well, when they locked my brother up there in the evening there wasn't nothing wrong with him.... not one thing. When they went to the jail to get him --- they thought he could walk out of jail --- and they had to take a car and get him there Sunday morning --- and they wouldn't let nobody have him there Saturday night --- at eight o'clock --- and he said that "the policeman has stomped me --- kicked me ^{in the stomach} --- "

And the last breath left him he said: "the policeman stomped me and kicked me --- in my stomach." And he couldn't even straightened up to walk --- he couldn't even straighten up to walk out of that --- ^{at} the jail when ^{some had to go in and} the men went down there to get him out.

JUROR 1.

Q Were you with the preacher down in front of the --- Dixie Theatre that Saturday morning? A Yes, sir.

Q Didn't he get a beating up down there? A Nobody had put their hands on him up there --- no more than putting him in the car... nobody did. ^{beat him}

Q That is all I need.

JUROR 2.

Q Did anyone hit him at all? A No, sir.

Q All he did was just try to put him in the car? A That is all. And he said "I want to get out of the car because I want to pick up me some more ads." I said: "No, you come and go home." And Mr. Taylor said: "You go home with your sister now --- and get you some rest."

JUROR 3.

Q He wanted to pick up some --- what? A Some more ads --- for newspapers.

Q Well, was he drinking? A He had had one bottle of beer before he left the house. Now what else he did --- he didn't act like he was drunk --- the policeman told him after we got him in the car --- the policeman said: "Reverend, is you --- yes, you are drunk again." And he said: "No, sir, I am not drunk." He said: "Well, get

out of that car." And so he got out of the car and stood up. And he said: "Get back in the car and go on home with your sister."

Q Why didn't he stay at home when you took him home? A He wasn't drunk. He eat a lunch, combed his hair, and went around to another preacher's house. He said: "Sister, I will be back to-reckly --- he wasn't drunk."

Q They said that they called a policeman from a store...? A Mrs. Malone called the police. See, sometimes he talks --- walks along and talks to himself --- he says "the voices would be talking to him" --- but he just walk along and talk to himself --- and Mrs. Malone told me a colored boy come in there and told her he was cussing --- and she called the polices --- and I went down there and asked: "Did he go in her store." And she said: "No." --- "He hadn't been in her store" ---

JUROR 5.

Q Well, how come the police came down there? A She called him down there. Mrs. Malone called them to her store and brother ^{was at} ~~went~~ home --- just about ^{it} when they picked him up. They were cutting down South Street and picked him up not far from his home. He was right at home --- near about --- now, when he jumped out of the car --- ^{he ~~told~~ ~~up~~ his hands and said} now, I didn't see it but the neighbors seen it --- said he ~~told~~ them "I am not drunk" --- said his sister and all told him to get on in the car.

JUROR 3.

Q Well, he must have been arrested a number of times for all of the policemen to know him? A Yes --- but before he was being arrested --- all of the policemen know him because they know he was a minister and he would pick up ads all over town --- I mean --- they just know him --- and they all knowed him a good man --- and they never known him to do nothing but drink some whiskey --- that is all.

JUROR 5.

Q What was he in Milledgeville for? A He was insane.

Q And they let him out in June? A Yes, sir.

JUROR 4.

Q Did they tell you that he was cured? A Yes, sir, he --- they told me if I could ^{keep} ~~kept~~ alcohol from him he could get along --- you know, pretty good.