

NEGRO ON TRIAL IN THE FRANK CASE

**Conley, Charged with Being Accessory to Girl's Murder,
Pleads Not Guilty.**

AFFIDAVITS ALLEGE PLOT

Two Now Produced Charging Conspiracy to Produce False Evidence Against Frank.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 23.—James Conley, a negro, the principal witness against Leo M. Frank at the trial which resulted in his conviction for the murder of Mary Phagan, pleaded not guilty when placed on trial here today charged with being an accessory to the murder. Conley, a sweeper at the National Pencil Factory, where Mary Phagan was murdered, testified at the trial of Frank that he helped dispose of the girl's body after Frank had killed her. His attorneys contended that this was not an act accessory to the murder.

Taking of evidence was completed early this afternoon, and court adjourned until to-morrow. Aside from the Frank trial records no evidence of importance was introduced by the State. The defense presented only a statement by Conley, in which he admitted the acts related in his testimony against Frank.

Publication of two affidavits charging conspiracy to produce false evidence against Frank and alleged to have been sworn to by witnesses against him at his trial added a new angle to the mystery. Besides the McKnight affidavit was one alleged to have been sworn to by Mrs. Nina Formby, who gave evidence to the police during the preparation of the case against Frank. This affidavit is said to charge illegal manipulation of evidence against the young factory Superintendent.
