

WOMAN QUESTIONS CONLEY.

Negro Truculent When Accused by Mrs. Schubel of Factory Murder.

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ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19.—“Jim” Conley, the negro who was the chief witness against Leo M. Frank when the latter was tried for the murder of Mary Phagan, was questioned this afternoon in regard to the crime by Mrs. Lillian Schubel, who had insisted that if she could talk with Conley she could gain information that would benefit Frank.

Mrs. Schubel, who is a woman of means, came here from Grand Rapids, Mich., and for more than two weeks has been working on the Frank case. She induced the County Commissioners, who have charge of Conley, to have the negro brought to the Court House this afternoon so that she might interview him. The Commissioners stipulated that Dr. John E. White, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, and Dr. C. B. Wilmer, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, should be present at the interview.

When Conley was brought before Mrs. Schubel, she went at him somewhat savagely and accused him of murdering Mary Phagan and then charging Frank with the crime. According to Dr. White and Dr. Wilmer, the negro was not disturbed; he was rather truculent in his manner and accused Mrs. Schubel of being in a conspiracy to “frame” him.

According to Dr. White the negro showed great skill in fencing with Mrs. Schubel. Dr. White says that Conley is nobody's fool.

Mrs. Schubel was plainly disappointed at the result of the interview. She asserts that the negro had been posted by the State officials as to what was before him and that, therefore, she was unable to take him by surprise.

Mrs. Schubel says she has been hampered by Solicitor General Dorsey. She says the Solicitor was not willing for her to see Conley and alleges that the Solicitor said she might find herself in the case of Tedder and others indicted for their alleged connection with the Frank case.

Solicitor Dorsey denies that he threatened Mrs. Schubel. He refuses to take her seriously. Solicitor Dorsey, however, asserts that he does not intend that any advantage shall be taken of Conley. Mrs. Schubel declares that she intends to continue to work on the case.

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