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THE GRAND JURY HAS FOUR MORE REASONS FOR HOLDING AGAINST GASTON B. MEANS

Bill Returned to the Superior Court This Morning At 9:30 O'clock For Murder of Mrs. Maude A. King.

STATE ASKS FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE

Defendant When Arraigned In Court Enters Plea of Not Guilty.—Court Adjourned Till 2 O'clock.

After more than two full days of investigation, the grand jury of this county this morning at 9:30 o'clock returned to Superior Court a true bill against Gaston B. Means for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King near this city on the night of August 29th.

Hayden Clement, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the prosecuting attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District, and that the defendant, Gaston B. Means, is indicted in the county of Cabarrus for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, on the 29th day of August, 1917; that there are probably grounds to believe that a fair and impartial trial cannot be obtained in the county in which this action is pending, and that this affiant believes that it is impossible for the State of North Carolina to secure a fair and impartial trial in Cabarrus county against the said Gaston B. Means, and hereby makes application to this court for the removal of this action to some adjacent county for trial.

That this affiant sets forth particularly and in detail the following facts and circumstances as grounds for this application, to-wit: 1. That Gaston B. Means is one of four sons of Hon. W. G. Means, and that Hon. W. G. Means is a prominent attorney who has resided and practiced in the county of Cabarrus all of his life; that the wife of Gaston B. Means, Mrs. Maude A. King, was also during his life a practicing attorney in Cabarrus county for about 50 years; that the Means family has lived in Cabarrus county for over 100 years and that during all that time they have been prominent in both social and political circles; that the said Gaston B. Means has a large number of influential friends and relatives in Cabarrus county and that his father and his uncle have appeared in both civil and criminal courts of Cabarrus county for practically every family residing in Cabarrus county.

2. That immediately after the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, on the 30th day of August, 1917, a coroner's inquest was held to ascertain the cause of the death of Mrs. Maude A. King; that the said coroner's inquest returned for its verdict that Mrs. Maude A. King's death was accidental; that thereupon and before this affiant had asked the coroner to re-open the case, and before this affiant had stated his purpose and intention to have the case reopened, the defendant, Gaston B. Means, as this affiant is informed, immediately employed all the lawyers of the Concord bar that were actively engaged in the practice of law in Concord and had been so engaged in the practice of law in Cabarrus county for more than five years; that the lawyers employed by the defendant, before any steps were taken by the State towards reopening the case, were the following, to-wit: L. T. Conwell, a prominent attorney who has represented his County in the State Legislature and who has practiced law in Concord for about twenty years; T. D. Maness, another prominent attorney, who has practiced law in Concord for a number of years and who was formerly City Attorney; H. S. Williams, the County Attorney and attorney for the Sheriff of Cabarrus County; and the attorney that conducted the coroner's inquest in behalf of the County of Cabarrus and the County Coroner and in behalf of the State, the said H. S. Williams also having represented his County in the State Legislature, and also having been a candidate for Congress during the last Congressional campaign; Mr. J. Lee Crowell, another prominent attorney in Concord, and who had lived here all of his life, and Mr. Harrison Caldwell at present the prosecuting attorney for the City Recorder's Court of Concord; that all of these attorneys have large and lucrative practices in Cabarrus County, and they are some of them, are personally acquainted with every man whose name appears in the jury boxes of said County, as this affiant is advised, in formal and believes that owing to the fact that this defendant has employed all the aforementioned attorneys, and by reason of the liberal number of challenges allowed the defendant in a capital case, your affiant is satisfied that it would be impossible for the State to secure a fair and impartial jury to try the defendant in the action against him.

3. That your affiant, when he is satisfied that a second coroner's inquest could not be held, tried to get some other in Cabarrus County, to swear out a warrant against the defendant; that the officers approached by your affiant were reluctant to swear to said warrant, and your affiant therefore swore out the warrant himself, charging the defendant with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King; that the preliminary hearing was held in the City of Concord on the 24th of September, 1917, before C. A. Pitts, Justice of the Peace, and that the preliminary hearing, in the opinion of your affiant attracted as much attention as if the defendant had been on trial for murder; that in the opinion of your affiant there were many persons in Cabarrus County who were

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