

absolutely the charge of immoral conduct made by Cook and Mrs. Hirsch. He was followed by Mr. Adair, who told of the conspirators' demands as they were made to him as the representative of Mr. Candler. Two nurses at a hospital where Mrs. Hirsch had been a patient for some weeks, testified to Cook's calling on her nearly every day<sup>b</sup>, and the proprietor of a cafe, and one of his waiters testified that the couple visited it together on several occasions, remaining there several hours, and choosing a part of the room where they would not be likely to be observed.<sup>c</sup> A taxi-cab driver swore that Cook had offered him \$200 if he would get him a pass-key to the second floor of the Candler building.<sup>d</sup> And two witnesses swore that he had told them that he had a good scheme to make a lot of money.<sup>e</sup>

Cook called no witnesses, but made a statement to the jury. He said he had known the Hirsches for a long time; that Mrs. Hirsch was an intimate friend of his mother and sister; that on January 3d, being in the Candler building, he saw her and the Mayor going into the Mayor's office, and as the door closed, saw him put his arm around her; that he peeked through a mail slot in the door and saw him kissing her; that he then determined to watch her; that he happened to be on the street on February 4th, and heard them make an appointment for February 6th; that on that day, as he went to the scene, he met two friends, Smith and Lee, and invited them to come with him, telling them that something was going to happen in the Mayor's office; that while Smith went out on the stone coping to look in the window, he and Lee looked through the mail slot in the door, and all of them saw what Mrs. Hirsch said had occurred in the office.

But Smith and Lee were never produced at the trial. No one knew anything about them, and as they were probably myths, and Cook's story a lie from beginning to end, the jury

<sup>b</sup> Kate Taylor, *post*, p. 643; Jean C. Waldon, *post*, p. 644.

<sup>c</sup> Al H. Martin, *post*, p. 644; C. H. Hicks, *post*, p. 644.

<sup>d</sup> Bill Baldwin, *post*, p. 644.

<sup>e</sup> E. A. Gorden, *post*, p. 644; M. C. Kiser, *post*, p. 644.