

very promptly returned a verdict of guilty on all the counts of the indictment, and the male blackmailer was sentenced by the judge to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to work at hard labor on the public roads of the county for the term of twelve months.

### THE TRIAL.<sup>1</sup>

*In the Superior Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia,  
February, 1918.*

HON. BENJAMIN H. HILL,<sup>2</sup> Judge.

*February 27.*

An indictment had been previously returned by the Grand Jury against *W. J. Cook* and *Mrs. Herman H. Hirsch*, for blackmail. It contained three counts: 1, conspiring to blackmail; 2, accusing of crime for the purpose of extorting money; 3, threatening to accuse of crime for the purpose of extorting money.

*John A. Boykin*,<sup>3</sup> Solicitor General; *Reuben R. Arnold*,<sup>4</sup> and *E. A. Stephens*,<sup>5</sup> Assistant Solicitor, for the State.

*John B. Cooper*,<sup>6</sup> and *James S. Bedgood*,<sup>7</sup> for the Prisoner.

<sup>1</sup> *Bibliography.* The *Atlanta Constitution*, February 28, 1918; The *Atlanta Journal*, February 27, 1918.

<sup>2</sup> HILL, BENJAMIN HARVEY. Born, 1849; graduated, University of Georgia, 1869, and in law class, 1871; admitted to Bar in 1871; Solicitor General Atlanta Circuit, 1876; United States District Attorney Northern District of Georgia, 1885; Chief Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia, 1906; resigned to accept Judgeship of the Superior Courts of the Atlanta Circuit, 1913.

<sup>3</sup> BOYKIN, JOHN ABNEY. Born Edgefield, S. C., 1877; received his education in the schools of Edgefield, S. C., and the Edgefield Academy; admitted to Atlanta Bar, 1896, and practiced law there until 1916; Solicitor General of Atlanta Circuit, 1917.

<sup>4</sup> See *ants*, p. 189.

<sup>5</sup> STEPHENS, EDWARD ALEXANDER. Born 1872; student Emory College (Oxford, Ga.), 1891-1893; admitted to Bar, 1895; removed to Atlanta, 1909; Assistant Solicitor General, 1910-1918.

<sup>6</sup> COOPER, JOHN RANDOLPH. Born Lawrenceville, Ga., 1865; received a common school education at Logansville; graduated University of Georgia, literary department, 1889, and law department 1890; admitted to Bar, 1890; has resided in Macon, Ga., ever since, engaging in the practice of law; has never held any public office.

<sup>7</sup> BEDGOOD, JAMES RICHARD. Born Dooley County, Ga., 1868;