

Mr. Bedgood moved for a change of venue on the grounds of the unusual calling of a special session of the Grand Jury to indict the defendants when said jury had adjourned; also that the public mind has been prejudiced by sensational headlines in the evening papers on the day of the indictment; also that the reputation, character, influence and standing as mayor of the city, wherein resides nine-tenths of the population of Fulton County, and the great financial standing of Asa G. Candler, render it unlikely that the defendants can secure a just and fair hearing such as they are entitled to; also on the ground of inflammatory articles against the defendants which have appeared in the daily papers, and an editorial which appeared in *The Constitution*. Said editorial, it was claimed, was prejudicial to the defendants and said that it would not require a jury to clear Asa G. Candler with his own people.

The motion was denied by the COURT.

A demurrer was filed on the grounds that the bill of indictment does not charge blackmail definitely enough; does not state the charge clearly, and does not put the defendants on sufficient notice as to what charge they have to enter defense against. It was also pointed out that the indictment does not state whether or not Candler was married at time of alleged occurrence, but does state that Mrs. Hirsch was married.

The COURT overruled the demurrer.

The *Counsel for Defense* filed a motion to quash the indictment, because V. H. Kriegshaber, one of the grand jurors, was disqualified by reason of the stock he holds in the Georgia Railway and Power Company, of which corporation Asa G. Candler is a stockholder.

The COURT overruled the plea.

The *Prisoners* thereupon pleaded *not guilty*.

The *Assistant Solicitor* said that they would sever the cases and elect to try Cook first.

The following jurors were selected and sworn: H. B. Barnett, George L. Hancock, John Barber, W. A. Brown, W. A. Brower, C. W. Dennis, A. K. E. Edwards, S. C. Forrester, B. L. Ezell, F. J. Briggan, R. R. Ingram and W. W. Jackson.

THE WITNESSES FOR THE STATE.

Asa G. Candler. Am mayor of this city; I usually occupy the mayor's office in the morning, and my own in the Candler building in the afternoon. In the summer of 1917, Mrs. Atkinson called at my office and introduced the prisoner to me; they said they were getting up a raffle of an automobile for the

admitted to Bar, Colquitt County, Ga., 1892; has held no public office.