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Then I walked on down Whitehall on the side of Mr. M. Rich & Bros. Store towards Brown & Allens; when I got in front of M. Rich & Bros. store, I stood there between half past 2 and few minutes to 3 o'clock until the parade passed entirely; then I crossed the street and went on down to Jacobs and went in and purchased twenty five cents worth of cigars. I then left the store and went on down Alabama street to Forsyth street and down Forsyth street to the factory. I unlocked the street door and then unlocked the inner door and left it open and went on up stairs to tell the boys that I had come back and wanted to know if they were ready to go, and at that time they were preparing to leave. I went immediately down to my office and opened the safe and my desk and hung up my coat and hat and started to work on the financial report, which I will explain. Mr. Schiff had not come down and there was additional work for me to do.

In a few minutes after I started to work on the financial sheet, which I am going to take up in a few minutes, I heard the bell ring on the time clock outside and Arthur White and Harry Denham came into the office and Arthur White borrowed \$2.00 from me in advance on his wages. I had gotten to work on the financial sheet, figuring it out, when I happened to go out to the lavatory and on returning to the office, the door pointed out directly in front, I noticed Newt Lee, the watchman, coming from towards the head of the stairs, coming towards me. I looked at the clock and told him the night before to come back at 4 o'clock for I expected to go to the baseball game. At that time Newt Lee came along and greeted me and offered me a bannana out of a yellow bag which he carried, which I presume contained bannanas; I declined the bannana and