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H. F. BECKER, Sworn for the Movant. I was master mechanic at the National Pencil Factory in September, 1908, until the last Saturday in December, 1912. During that entire time I signed factory orders for all goods and supplies. I had authority to sign all orders for all goods and supplies I needed. The only other person who had authority to sign orders was Leo M. Frank. The method adopted by me and Mr. Frank in connection with the purchase of supplies was as follows: The orders or requisitions were made on pads and these pads were made so as to contain duplicate sheets. One of the sheets was the original made by me in behalf of the factory and which order would be sent to the concern which would furnish the supplies. A carbon sheet was placed between this original sheet and the second sheet which constituted a carbon copy and which was in all respects a duplicate of the original order so sent out. To all such orders or requisitions that I sent out I was required to affix my name and my name would accordingly appear on the carbon sheet whenever the same was used in connection with the original sheet. The carbon sheet was invariably used by me and my signature was invariably affixed. Each order made out by me was given a number and this number appeared both on the original sheet which went to the supplier of the material and the number also appeared on the carbon copy which was kept. When the supplies so ordered were furnished by the house to whom the order was given, the number of the order was required to appear on the invoice or bill covering said supplies so that the bill would be identified by the order number. This was the system which Mr. Frank and I put into force in the purchase of supplies and was carried out during the entire time I was at the Pencil Company factory. I have examined the exhibit attached to this affidavit. It is a reproduction of the carbon copy used by me while in the employ of the pencil factory. The blurred signature which appears about the center is my genuine signature. The signature however is very much blurred, only the last letters "cker" are fairly legible, as well as the characteristic loop at the end of the name. In my opinion