

Frank and knew that he was the man. I didn't pay much attention to what the girl had to say. I talked to Solicitor General Hugh M. Dorsey in the presence of Mr. Pass Rosser, City detective. The day I went on the stand, Mr. Dorsey came into the room in his office where all of the girls were assembled, including Miss Nellie Wood. Mr. Dorsey stated that the time had now come when the State would introduce evidence with reference to Leo M. Frank's general character. He said he had been over and had talked to ^{each of} us separately, about the evidence we were going to give, and now he wanted to talk to us ~~xx~~ together, and see if everybody understood exactly what questions would be asked. Mr. Dorsey told us he only wanted the truth and nothing but the truth. He also said that if we were not going to swear as we had told ^{him} we would swear that he wanted us to say so then and there in order that he might be saved and time and trouble of putting the witnesses on the stand. He then said, I will now ask the question and I will take each of you one at a time, I want you to pay strict attention and give the answer that is the truth and that you expect to give on the stand. He then said "Are you acquainted with the general character and reputation of Leo M. Frank" and put that question to each one of the girls who were present. Among others was Miss Nellie Wood, and she stated yes, and he then went to ^{each} one of the others with this question and all of them answered yes. Mr. Dorsey then said "is that character good or bad" and went first for the answer to that question to Miss Wood and she said it was bad. Each and all of the girls present in that room stated that the character of Leo M. Frank was bad. At no time did the Solicitor General ever tell the witnesses to answer off sharp and quick. He did say that the answer was first yes or no, as to whether Leo M. Frank's general character was bad, and he did tell us that it was not what we knew personally about Frank, but what was generally said of him by other people. Some of the girls were frightened at the idea of going into the court room. We were assured by Solicitor Dorsey that there need be no fear, and that it would not probably take very long. Dewey Hewell was not present when all these other girls were being talked to by the Solicitor General at his office in the Kiser Building. The conversation I had with Dewey Hewell occurred after the Solicitor General had a talk with the other girls and left. It is absolutely false in every particular that I coached Dewey Hewell, or that I said "we will go over it again so