

my life met with such unreasoning prejudice as there is in this case, to give the facts, just the simple truth. I have never known a case where it is as hard to hold a man to his story, to just the simple truth as in this case. I have never heard tell or reas of anything as outrageous as was resorted to in this case to secure the evidence of Minola McKnight, or the treatment accorded to Albert McKnight. I talked to Albert McKnight after he was lately arrested. I have read the affidavit made by Albert McKnight that was put in this motion for a new trial. He stated that what he had sworn for the defense was absolutely true, and he was induced to tell the story he did on the stand by Claborne or Craven. I read the brief of evidence in this case. I would say the brief of evidence covered the truth in this case completely. I read the evidence of Jim Conley. I have never known of a white man with a hitherto unblemished ~~name~~ reputation being convicted on the testimony of a low criminal negro, who himself admitted to having written the notes found by the body of the girl, or of any court, jury, or anybody accepting any such criminal explanation of the crime. My conclusion as to who was the murderer of Mary Phagan, so far as all the evidence on the trial of a case is concerned, is unquestionably Jim Conley. I read the testimony of the Pinkerton man, Scott as to how Jim Conley changed his testimony, starting out that he knew nothing about it, and then he claimed he had written the notes on Friday, and then changed and said he had written them on Saturday, and that whenever ^(Conley) he said anything that would not fit, they would tell him to put in something that would fit. My statement first made as to the conviction of Frank is based on the ^{brief} which I read. I have never talked with Jim Conley. So far as my information goes, he has been kept ever since this prosecution at the jail. I understand that nobody has been allowed to talk to him. My information as to the terms on which this man Smith would allow me to talk with him, was provided that he was present and I think he wanted a reporter of the court present also. I dont think under such circumstances I could get anything out of Jim Conley. I examined the letters he wrote in the jail and the clothes of the little gir. The contents of these letters were very vile. I never saw a case more filled with that character of per-