Wednesday, April 15, 1903.

The Case Continued.

Tillman Will Not be Tried at This Term of the Court.

Columbia Afternoon Record, April 8.

The case against J. H. Tillman has been continued until the next term of the court on account of the absence of two important witnesses for the defense, J. A. White who, according to the affidavits submitted, is sick in Edgefield and Miss Julia Roper, of Spartanburg who is absent from the State and who is believed to be in the German Memorial hospital in New York. The proceedings and arguments lasted a considerable time this morning and the court room was crowded with interested spectators.

The prisoner was brought up from the jail in a close carriage by Sheriff Coleman and came into court accompanied by his uncle, Senator Tillman. The two seated themselves just back of the Solicitor, and a few minutes later Messrs. Nelson and Croft came in and took seats by Mr. Tillman. Mr. George Johnstone, the leading counsel for the defense, was on the other side of the court room beside Mr. William Elliot' Jr., who is employed by the State.

For the State Mr. Crawford was with the Solicitor, Mr. Bellinger being absent. The prisoner looked cool and unconcerned, but the effect of the three months' confinement could be seen.

Immediately upon the calling of the case Col. Croft asked for a continuance of the case upon the ground that two of the most important witness were absent. Capt. J. A. White, of Edgefield, was suffering with partial paralysis and diabetes and that upon the statement of two physicians of Edgefield, he would not be able to be present. The other witness, Miss Julia Roper, had been served with a warrant at Spartanburg, but was unavoidably absent from the State, but could not be reached, but she could be present at the next term of the court. Owing to her absence the attorneys for the defense had not had an opportunity of talking with

Solicitor Thurmond and Mr. Crawford both objected at the same time upon the ground that the rule of court in regard to asking for a continuance, had not been complied with. The State had not been furnished with copies of the affidavits and if the affidavits is submitted should set forth what facts there were that would be testified to that would materially aid the defense.

The defense at once submitted another affidavit from Col. Croft, stating that Miss Roper would testify to further threats that had been made against the defendant by Mr. Gonzales, and that Mr. White had other facts to bring out as to the conversation of Mr. Gonzales.

Mr. Nelson then stated that they had tried in every way possible to secure these witnesses and their absence was unavoidable. He also thought that the State had been advised as to what the testimony of these two witnesses would be, they having seen copies of the affidavits when the application for bail was made.

The copies of White's affidavits were sent for, upon the objection of the State, and read. It has been published and is to the effect that he saw a man, whom he was informed was Mr. Gonzales, talking to Richard Holzenbach, and after a few minutes' conversation with him abruptly turned off. The affidavit further contained the statement of the conversation Holzenbach states that he had with Mr. Gonzales on the day before the shooting, and describes the position of the men at the time of the shooting.

Holzenbach, it will be recalled, declared that Gonzales had stopped and talked to him in the Senate lobby, declaring that he had made Jim Tillman show the white feather once and he would do it again.

The defense then produced Miss Roper's affidavit, which is, that she Mr. Gonzales remark that he had made Jim Tillman show the white Drug Co.

feather and would do so again Mr Nelson stated that there were further threats which Miss Roper would testify to, and that she had so no ified members of Mr. Tillman's family.

Colonel Croft pointed out that the defendant was now in jail and that if the defense was forced to submit the affidavits as evidence it would certainly not have the same effect as the personal appearance of the witnesses themselves, who would surely be here

Judge Klugh in continuing the case said that while undoubtedly the technical rules of the court had not been complied with in a grave case of this kind the practice is not binding. In order to arrive at the facts in a case the jury must determine upon the credibility of a witness, and in addition to this the affidavit of Miss Roper sets forth that there were further threats which the witness should testify to and these might not be set forth in the affidavits. Therefore the motion for a continuance was granted.

Solicitor Thurmond asked that the prisionor be arraigned for trial anyhow, but the Judge decided that this would not be of any special advantage either to the State or the defense in this procedure. The case was then closed and shortly after the prisoner was taken back to the jail by the Sheriff.

Col Nelson stated that no application would be made for bail and that the defense would be ready for trial at the next term of court in June. Miss Roper, who, according to the Sheriff of Spartanburg county, is in New York, has promised to be here, and the physicians who submitted a certificate in regard to White's condition state that he will be able to attend ther.

Throughout the hearing Col. Tillman maintained his composure, occasionally leaning over to speak to his uncle, and the announcement that the case would be continued did not seem to concern him in anyway. He walked out behind the Sheriff withut handcuffs as he came in, and though a crowd had gathered to see him as he passed along, he looked straight ahead without recognizing

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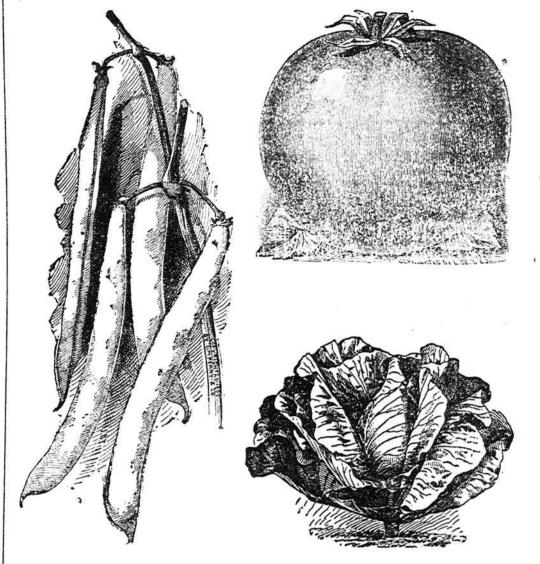
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