LEO FRANK APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT

Judge Roan Certifies to His Remarks, Declaring His Doubt of Prisoner's Guilt or Innocence.

The bill of exceptions presented by the defense of Leo Frank in the appeal for a new trial to the supreme court was signed by Judge L. S. Roan, the trial judge, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This will be the final step Judge Roan will take in the case, as he goes immediately to the appellate bench.

The fight to be waged by the defense, it is stated, will center around the remarks of Judge Roan when he announced his decision denying a new trial, and in which he declared his doubt as to Frank's guilt or innocence. Over the vigorous protest of Solicitor Dorsey Saturday morning he certified to the remarks, saying:

"It is true I said this. I am compelled to certify to my own words."

The phrase, "But I, myself, do not have to be convinced," was stricken from the remarks contained in the bill of exceptions. This was done at the request of Judge Roan. Frank's attorneys worked hard through Friday night preparing the bill of exceptions. The bill of exceptions, filed with the clerk of supreme court, contains only a brief summary of grounds upon which the appeal is being made, also the affidavits put in evidence at the new trial hearing before Judge Roan. It is a brief document, running not over four pages.

The next steps of the defense will be to put in hand of the printer the brief of evidence of the trial and the grounds upon which the plea for new trial is based. This will require some time, probably three weeks or more. Following which the appeal will go directly to the supreme court.

It is predicted in court circles that arguments will not be heard until next March. Following the arguments it will be several months before a decision is handed down.