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Negro Sweeper Will Be Testify Upon to Called Against Dan Lehon, Carl-Tedder and Arthur ton Thurman.

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RAGSDALE ON THE STAND WHEN COURT ADJOURNED

Preacher Grilled by Lawyers for Defense After He Tells Story of Alleged Effort to Bribe Him.

New and startling developments are expected in the third session of the Lehon-Tedder-Thurman trial before Judge Ben Hill this morning when So-licitor Dorsey will, in all probability, put Jim Conley, the noted Frank case witness, on the stand in behalf of the prosecution prosecution.

The nature of Conley's proposed to The nature of Conley's proposed tes-timony has not been divulged. It is ex-pected, however, that he will testify to his relations with Carlton C. Tedder previous to the trial of Frank, when Tedder—a secret Burns operative—was in the employ of William M. Smith, Conley's counsel. This morning's session will be re-

Conley's counsel. This morning's session will be re-sumed with Rev. C. B. Ragsdale, the star witness, on the stand. Ragsdale's testimony occupied most of Thursday's session. Thus far he has been the only witness called. His story revolved around the alleged bribery by Burns agents to swear to an affidavit that he had overheard Jim Conley confess to Mary Phagan's murder, for which he swears he was paid \$100, while his ac-complice; R. L. Barber, received an-other \$100. Heid on Hagsdale's Testimony.

complice, R. I. Broer, received an other \$100. Held on Ragadale's Testimony. Dan S. Lehon, Tedder and Arthur Thurman, the lawyer, were indicted on Ragsdale's story on charges of subor-nation of perjury, for which they are now being tried. Tedder and Lehon were connected with the Burns forces at the time of his famous investigation into the Leo Frank mystery. Ragsdale testified that on April 23 he agreed with Arthur Thurman to swear that he and. Barber, while standing at the mouth of an alley on Maddison avenue, had overheard Jim Conley tell another negro that on the day of Mary Phagan's murder he had "killed a little girl in the pencil fac-tory."

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"killed a little girl in the pencil fac-tory." He met Tedder and Thurman in the latter's office and, after talking the proposition over, he consented to make the affidavit whenever required. He swore that he was taken to the office of the Burns agency in the Healey building to see Dan Lehon, and then to Luther Rosser's office. Mr. Rosser, and then he signed the affidavit. The following day, he and Barber, who swore to an affidavit corroborat-ing the minister's story, returned again to Thurman's office, according to Hagsdale's story. Tedder was there, he testified, but said nothing, throwing down on a bookcase two packages of bills, each containing \$100. Thurman, Ragsdale swore, picked up one pack-age and gave it to the witness, and the other to Barber. **Only the Beginning.**

steady in the boat, there's \$10,000 in it for you." When court adjourned, Ragsdale was still on the stand, but was in the hands of Judge Arthur Powell, counsel for the defense; who was putting him through rigid cross-examination. In reply to Judge Powell's queries, Rags-dale admitted that he had not told the grand jury of the telephone conversa-tion with the man whose voice sounded like Lehon's. He also said that this was the first time he had told of that incident. A large arrray of witnesses will be

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bert & Leonard Haas, associate law-yers, and Morris Brandon, attorney affiliated with the Rosser law firm. The twelfth juror was obtained within thirty minutes after court con-vened Thursday morning. He is R. F. Bishop, a member of the real estate firm of Bishop & Turner, and was chosen after six talesmen had been ex-amined. amir d

trial is expected to last at least The two more days.

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