

MANY RUMORS AFLOAT REGARDING GRAND JURY

Among These Is One That Effort Will Be Made to Indict Conley.

That the grand jury would meet possibly today or tomorrow and take steps toward indicting James Conley, the negro sweeper of the National Pencil factory, was a persistent rumor in circulation Thursday. From Foreman W. D. Beattie came the statement that he had not called for a meeting of the grand jury and that as far as he knew there would be no such action taken. Solicitor Hugh M. Dorsey also declared that he had issued no call for the grand jury and knew nothing of any such action.

"I have not issued a call for a meeting," explained Mr. Beattie, "and as far as I am concerned the grand jury will not take steps to indict Conley. Of course, the members of the grand jury have the right to come together and to take any steps they may desire, and I am speaking only for myself in saying that no steps will be taken to start an investigation of Conley's alleged connection."

"There is nothing new in the Mary Phagan murder case, as far as I know," said the solicitor, "and I have issued no call for the grand jury. The state is continuing its work and will be ready on July 28 for the trial of Leo M. Frank."

Attorneys Reuben R. Arnold and Luther Z. Rosser held a consultation Thursday afternoon in Mr. Arnold's office at which they discussed the phases of their case, according to Mr. Arnold. At the courthouse it was said that Judge L. S. Roan, who is due to preside over the Frank trial, was in consultation with lawyers on both sides and that there was a possibility of the case being postponed.

Both Solicitor Dowsley and Attorney Arnold denied this, and Attorney Arnold stated that the only consultation was that between him and Mr. Rosser.