

SAYS FRANK IS INNOCENT.

Attorney for Conley, Murder Witness, Says He Can Prove It.

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ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 2.—A new turn in the case of Leo M. Frank, condemned to die for the murder of Mary Phagan, came late tonight when William M. Smith, attorney for Jim Conley, whose evidence practically convicted Frank, announced that he had come to the conclusion that Frank was innocent, and that he was ready to help demonstrate this fact and prove it to the satisfaction of any reasonable man.

Mr. Smith tonight made the following statement:

"I have never ceased to be a student of the case. Practically all of my spare time has been devoted to a study of it. I have come definitely to the conclusion—or, at least, this is my personal judgment after much study—that Leo M. Frank is innocent, and if a proper co-operaton of the officials can be secured I have absolute faith that the mystery of the death of Mary Phagan can be solved to the satisfaction of every reasonable man in this community."

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