

A more pathetic or a more dignified figure than LEO M. FRANK presented in the Atlanta court Monday when he was resented to death for a crime of which a great majority of his countrymen believe him to be innocent, and for which he was never fairly tried, has rarely come into the public vision. His calm demeanor and the simple eloquence of his formal statement before sentence was passed must have made a strong impression even among the unaccountably hostile spectators. No better exposition of his case could have been made. Justice has failed, if not in putting this man under the ban of the law, as so many entirely unprejudiced persons believe, assuredly in denying him the privilege of an impartial trial, when the violent antipathy aroused against him in the community had subsided.

All legal processes in his behalf have now been exhausted, and his only hope for life lies in a possible commutation of his sentence. It does not seem credible that the force of public opinion in Atlanta will prevent this. As FRANK says, the doubt of the trial Judge as to his guilt still remains. Not an unprejudiced person who has talked with him or has studied the flimsy evidence produced against him doubts his innocence.

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