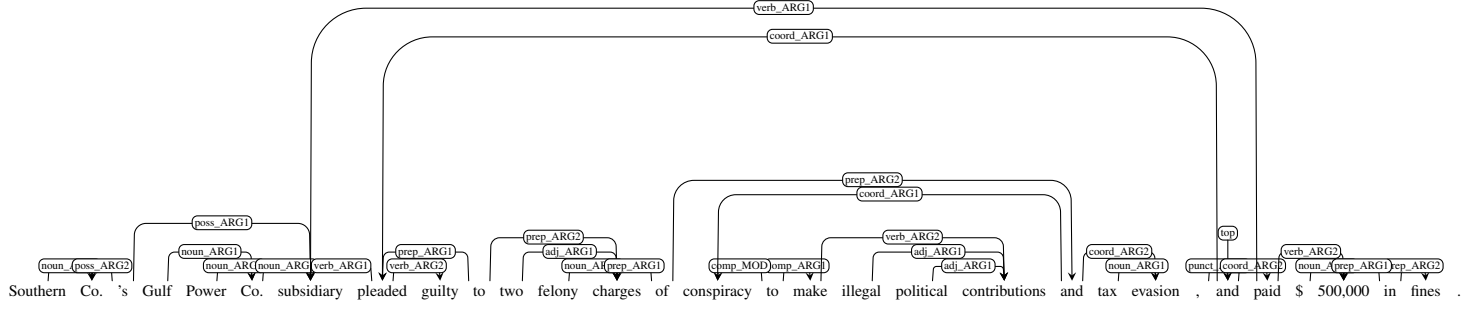
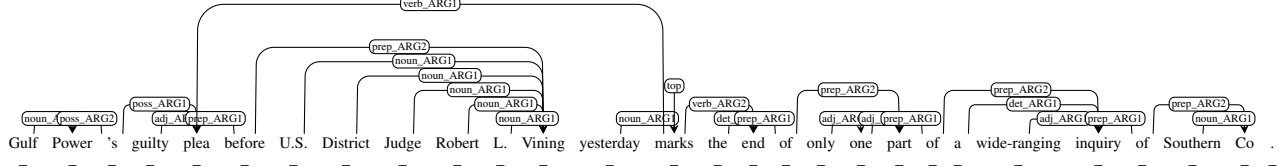


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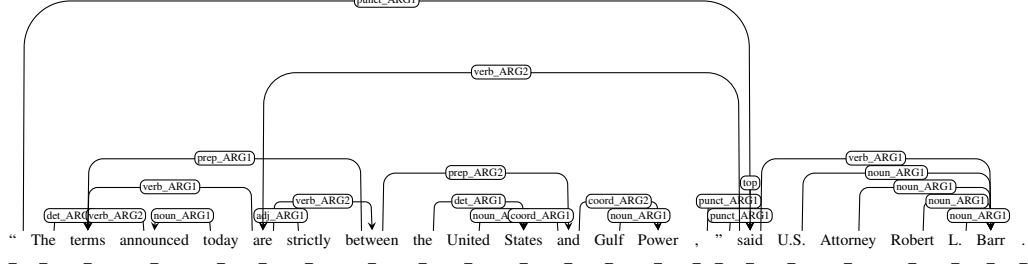
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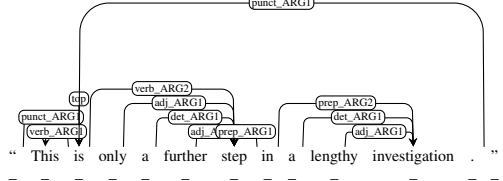
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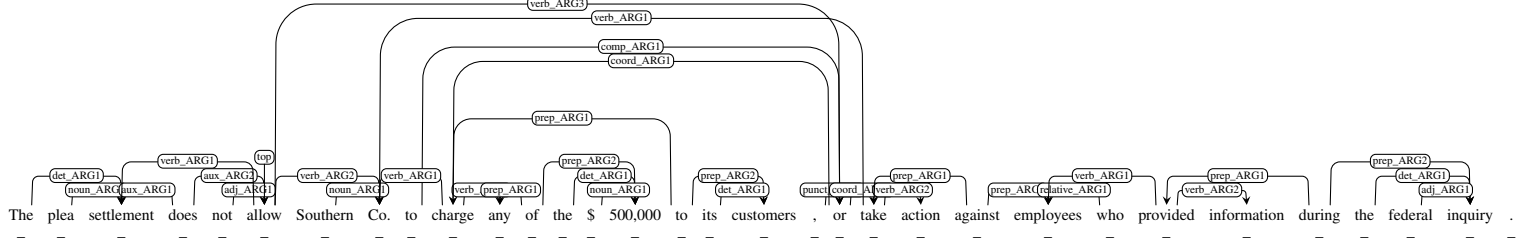
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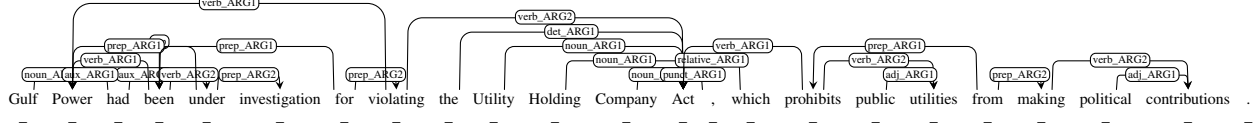
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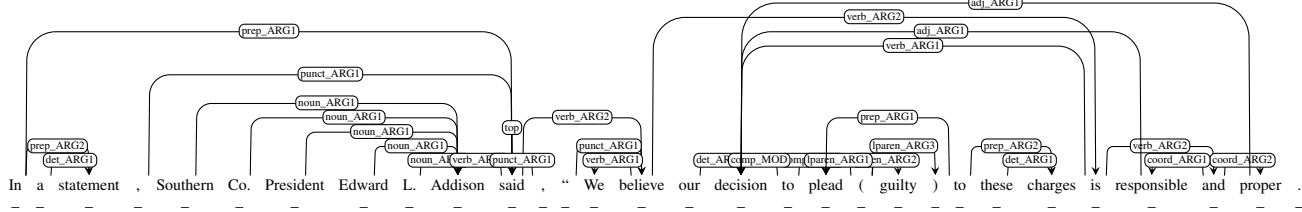
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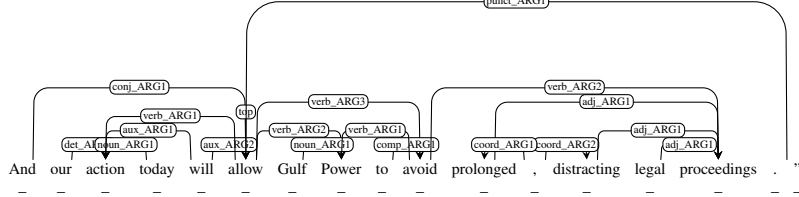
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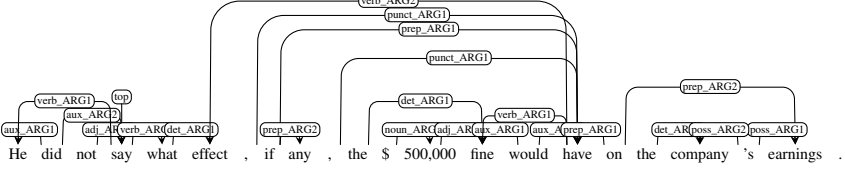
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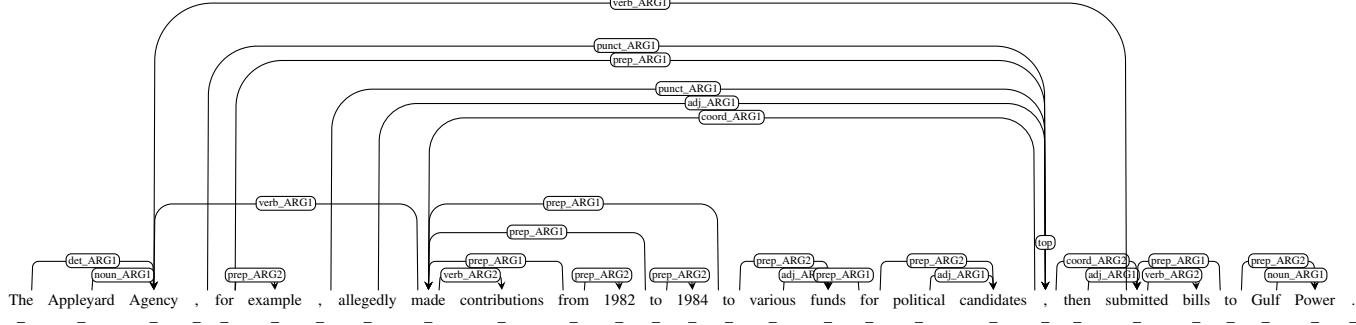
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Government officials declined to say whether the investigation includes the ad agencies or the politicians involved.

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