

**Motion for a Change of Venue Being  
Heard.**

Karnes City, Tex., Oct. 4.—The case of the State vs. Gregorio Cortez, who stands charged in the District Court of Karnes County with the murder of Sheriff W. T. Morris, was called for trial on the 2d instant. The attorneys for the defendant immediately filed a motion to quash the

immediately filed a motion to quash the indictment, alleging in the motion that the defendant was discriminated against in the selection of the Grand Jury which found the bill of indictment against him, and that the Mexican race was generally discriminated against in the selection of the Grand and Petit Juries in this county on account of the prejudice existing against that particular race.

Judge Wilson, after hearing the evidence in support of the motion, overruled it. The defendant then, through his attorneys, asked for a change of venue of the case, alleging in his application that it would be impossible for him to obtain a fair and impartial trial in this county on account of the feeling existing against him here, and further alleging that there was a dangerous combination of influential citizens of this county working against him, and by reason of this fact he could not expect a fair trial. The court has been engaged for the last two days in hearing the evidence in support of this motion and it will probably consume all of tomorrow to dispose of same, the special venire of eighty men drawn in this case having been discharged until next Monday. There are numerous officers from different parts of the State in attendance upon court. There is perfect quiet here and everybody seems to be of the opinion that he can have a fair trial in this county.