

Public officials' trials end; verdicts mixed

Early on the morning of April 27, 1905, a well-known traveling salesman had the audacity to ask Judge John C. Robinson of Owen County how he was planning to rule on the case of the State of Indiana vs. Monroe/Lawrence County Prosecutor Robert Miller.

According to the *Bloomington Telephone*, "Judge Robinson represented the question at once, and told the man emphatically that he regarded the remark as very impertinent and almost an insult to the court — a question that no man had the right to ask. The drummer started to apologize, but the Judge insisted that the drummer knew better than to show such discourtesy to the official position which he occupied."



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Further shocks awaited the sensibilities of the judge. After attorney Joseph Henley had taken two hours to sum up the State's case against Miller, some of the spectators stamped their feet and clapped. Reported the *Telephone*, "Flushed in the face, he (Robinson) began pounding on the bench for order. Standing full length, he said emphatically, 'Such action within the court

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