

Police take precautions

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their own will, but the power of the court backed by two deputy sheriffs was behind them."

The newspaper explained that "The trouble this term of court — as last — has been to secure the witnesses — the people who were whipped — as they do not want to testify, it being alleged that they have been 'bought off' or are afraid to appear."

Apparently it took some ingenuity on the part of the sheriff's deputies to round up the victim/witnesses. By April 1 the officers had found Julia, Alice and Posy Southern, Ida Treadway and Myrtle Young. Commented the *Telephone*,

"One young man escaped — Milton Southern. He evidently heard the officers coming, and without taking time to dress, ran out the back door. Mr. Smith sent two 'scare shots' after him, and believes that the man thought more white caps were trying to break into the house."

The center also includes two large meeting rooms, one set up as a small auditorium, and expanded office space for the bureau staff.

Much more accessible than the former center, Miller said the new, more visible building already seems to have increased the number of visitors seeking information about the county and its attractions.

Next week: The case and consequences.