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with the Wright stalling tactic.

It is possible that the police didn't have much faith in Hays because he may not have been a native. Birth records in the Indiana Room of the Monroe

County Library indicate that two William Hays were born to William and Alice (Deckard) Hays in August 1885 and August 1887, respectively. The name next appears in the city directory of 1909-10. There a William Hays (wife Hattie) is listed as a laborer, living at 443 S. Walnut St.

Whoever Hays was, he was fortunate enough to have a father willing to bail him out of jail the second time. Unfortunately, the perjury charge was more serious than one of assault and battery.

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