

JOE JACKSON CLAIMS HE WAS INTOXICATED

FORMER SAVANNAHIAN MAKES HIT BY TESTIMONY BEFORE GRAND JURY.

Joe Jackson, formerly of Savannah, and now under indictment for conspiracy during the world's series in 1919, has been making a hit before the Chicago jury now probing the case with "his quaint phraseology and Southern dialect," as the New York Herald puts it.

Shoeless Joe asserted that he was drunk when he signed papers waiving immunity after he had confessed before Judge McDonald. He said that he would have signed his death warrant at the time if they had told him to do so.

Needed a Lawyer.

Furthermore, Joe asserted that he had been promised immunity by Alfred S. Austrian, attorney for the Red Sox, who told him that if he, Joe, did not have a lawyer, he had better get one at once, as he would need one "d— bad."

"Did Austrian tell you that Cicotte had been taken care of and you would be, too?" asked Benedict Short, attorney for the defense.

"Yes," replied Jackson. "He said that after confessing nothing would be done with me and I could go anywhere—to the Portuguese Islands if I wanted. Then they sent two bailiffs with me when I left to protect me, and the bailiffs and I went out and got good and drunk."

Was All "Het Up."

Q. With whom did you talk in Judge McDonald's chamber. A. At first just Judge McDonald. Austrian and I talked in the judge's room, but after a bit Replogle came a-running in, het up, and it was then they told me Cicotte had done gone down town and I could leave after I had testified.

A. What did you read in the papers that night? A. I didn't read nothing. I already told you I was too drunk to read.

Q. Did Replogle tell you in the grand jury room your story could be used against you? A. I don't remember.

Q. Were you drunk then? A. No; I might have been cocked up a little, but I wasn't quite drunk.

Promised Immunity.

Q. Were you promised immunity

at this time? A. Replogle, McDonald and Austrian told me I'd never be prosecuted, and the only way I'd be used would be as a witness. All I wanted to do was tell my story and get out—drunk or sober. The next day I was supposed to come back and see Judge McDonald; but I could not make it. I got teed up again that night. In the jury room I signed something—it may have been an immunity waiver. I was ready to sign anything then."

Times Tells Story.

The New York Times' account of the hearing gives the following extract from the verbatim testimony of Jackson:

Shoeless Joe's testimony dealt with various conversations he said he had with Judge McDonald and Attorneys Austrian and Replogle. It was also plentifully sprinkled with accounts of "hooch" parties and stories of how he had been promised everything if he would only talk.

Q. Did they say anything to you about immunity? A. They told me I could tell my story and then go anywhere I liked. Judge McDonald suggested the Portuguese Islands.

Q. Did you talk to Judge McDonald the next morning after you talked to the grand jury? A. I was supposed to, but I got on a big party and got drunk. I had the judge's two bailiffs with me.

Q. Now, Mr. Jackson, were you drunk when you went before the grand jury? A. About half drunk, I guess. I'd been drinking.

Q. Did Mr. Replogle tell you that you would have to sign an immunity waiver and that you would later be held responsible originally for what you told the jurors? A. He read a lot of stuff from a paper to me. I don't know what it was. He said it was a waiver or something.

Did Not Read Papers.

Q. Didn't you read what you signed? A. No; they had given me their promise. I'd 'a' signed my death warrant if they had asked me to.

Q. Did Judge McDonald give you any promise? A. He told me that if I talked I would not be indicted, I wouldn't have to go to jail, put up bonds or anything. All they wanted, they said, was my address.

Q. Did you leave town immediately after you were through at the state's attorneys' office? A. No. I got teed up again.

Attorney Austrian, called later as a witness, denied that he had called Harry Redmon, a St. Louis theater owner, a blackmailer. Redmon was called as a witness against Carl Zork, one of the defendants, last week. Attorney Harry Berger in cross-examination had intimated that Attorney Austrian had called Redmon a dirty blackguard and blackmailer.