

# JOE JACKSON KEEPS COURT IN UPROAR

## TELLS OF SPREES DURING PROBE; HE GOT TWO BAILIFFS DRUNK.

CHICAGO, July 25.—Eddie Cicotte, Joe Jackson and Claude Williams, former White Sox players, told their own story in the baseball trial today of how they confessed to a special grand jury last fall that they had received money to throw games in the 1919 world's series.

### Promised Immunity?

Each of the three men declared that this confession had been made only after Judge Charles A. McDonald, who ordered the baseball scandal investigation, Hartley Replogle, former assistant state's attorney who directed the inquiry, and Alfred Austrian, Chicago American League attorney, had promised them that their confessions would never be used against them and were wanted only so that "baseball gamblers might be trampled under foot."

Their testimony was given with the jury absent from the court room pending a decision from Judge Hugo Friend as to whether the confessions are admissible as evidence in the case. The defense maintained the confessions were involuntary.

### Signed "Something."

Cicotte and Jackson admitted that they had "signed something" in the grand jury room but did not know whether it was an immunity waiver. Cicotte said that he had broken down and cried while Judge McDonald heard his story and that much of what he did on that day was simply a hazy memory. Under cross-examination he replied to many questions: "I don't remember."

### Fall of Spree.

Jackson's testimony kept the court in an uproar of laughter when he told of repeated sprees about the time of the grand jury investigation and explained that he had gotten two court bailiffs drunk.

Joe Jackson told of his visit to Mr. Austrian's office before going to the grand jury.

"Austrian said I would be indicted in a few minutes and that Cicotte had been down. Austrian then gave me my notice of suspension and when I said I had no lawyer, he said I needed one, damn bad. Austrian promised if I'd tell what I knew I would not be prosecuted.

"Austrian had told me they weren't after the ball players but wanted to trample the gamblers under their feet."

### All Got Drunk.

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

"Yes," he said, "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 and got good and drunk."

"Austrian finally persuaded me to talk. On the way to the jury room, Replogle told me they promised to take care of Cicotte and would do the same for me, but that I'd never be able to play ball again."

## BASEBALL CONFESSIONS CAN BE HEARD

CHICAGO, July 25.—Judge Hugo Friend today ruled that the grand jury confessions of Eddie Cicotte, Claude Williams and Joe Jackson, that they were paid to throw games in the 1919 world's series, are admissible as evidence in the baseball trial. The judge, however, informed the state that if the defense presented further evidence which proved that the confessions were not made voluntarily by the players he would instruct the jury to disregard them. Each confession can be used only against the men who made it.

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