

do it he would also use his influence to see that the matter would be hushed up. I finally consented to take the blame. About 10 o'clock that morning, Mr. Ramage came rushing into Mr. Scott's private office and said "What's doing". I then pleaded with Mr. Scott to tell Mr. Ramage the truth, but he would not commit himself. Mr. Scott then told Mr. Ramage his circumstances, and that he had made arrangements for me to shoulder the whole blame if there were any irregularities in the Auditor's office. Mr. Ramage gave me the assurance that he would see that nothing came of the affair. Upon the word of Mr. Ramage, I assured them I would shoulder the blame. It was then suggested by Mr. Ramage that a meeting of the County Commissioners and Mr. Scott, myself and Mr. Ramage be arranged. The next morning, Mr. Scott came down to our house on 21st South, fearing I might change my mind, and again pleaded with me and said he would guarantee me \$150.00 or \$175.00 a month if I would take the blame. This took place in the basement and was overheard by my wife, who was in the house.

The meeting was held with the County Commissioners on or about April 12, 1922 in Mr. Burgon's office. The following were at this conference: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Moreton, Mr. Burgon, Mr. Wirthlin, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Scott and myself. Before going into this conference, Mr. Ramage told me he would give me the cue at the proper time, and I was to stand up and say "If there are any irregularities in the Auditor's office, I will take the blame." At this meeting the warrants in question and also the time checks were spread out on a long table. I sat beside Mr. Ramage. The discussion was principally between Mr. Goddard, Mr. Scott and the County Commissioners. Mr. Wirthlin then asked for an explanation from Mr. Scott. It was then Mr. Ramage gave me a nudge and I stepped forward to the desk and said "If there are any irregularities in the Auditor's office, I will take the blame." Mr. Wirthlin then addressed me saying "Do you mean to say you got the money?" I replied "Yes; I got part of the money on these", pointing to the time checks on the table. Mr. Wirthlin then said they would like a private conference between the three commissioners. While leaving the Commissioner's Room and going through the main corridor, with Mr. Moreton, I remarked to Mr. Moreton "It is hell to take the blame for all this junk when I am innocent."

On or about the morning of April 14th, 1922, Mr. Scott asked for my resignation, which I gave him. He also handed in his resignation at the same time. I was then told to appear in Judge Ben Johnson's court and be arraigned. As I was in there, Mr. Ramage, Mr. Wirthlin, and Mr. Moreton came in and had seven informations with two counts on each information, which Mr. Wirthlin signed. My impression was that I would be charged with irregularities on the time checks instead as I remember there were seven County Warrants picked out, six on the Widow's Pension payroll and one for Chas. Cochran. The same warrants among others which the Commissioners and Mr. Goddard thought were the endorsements of Mr. Scott. When I called Mr. Ramage's attention to this, he remarked "Never mind, I am doing this."

After my bondsmen were approved I went home. A day or two later, I called Mr. Ramage's office in the Boston Bldg. and he asked me if I could reach Mr. Scott on the telephone. I answered in the affirmative. He said "Call him up at once and tell him to bring \$1,000.00 to me right away." I did this and in about three quarters of an hour Mr. Scott came to the office of Mr. Ramage and handed Mr. Ramage \$1,000.00 in currency. Mr. Ramage counted the bills. Upon finishing took two twenties and a ten dollar bill and handed them back to Mr. Scott saying "Here is some for you to go on." Mr. Scott turned around and handed me