

JACK SLAYDEN HELD WITHOUT BAIL
Examining Trial of Accused Slayer of Joe Maroney Ended This
Afternoon
With Slayden As Last Witness On Stand

State's Work showed Great Preparation and Care. Strong Effort by Defense
to Prove Alibi for Client.

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Judge L.W. Oakes at two fifteen this afternoon ended the examining trial of Jack Slayden, accused slayer of Joe Maroney the morning of Wednesday December 1, by holding the defendant for trial at the next session of the district court without bail.

The trial ended after a two day hard skirmish between [sic] the state and the defense in which every effort was made on each side to win the issue. Jack Slayden himself took the stand as the last witness. He strongly backed up the previous testimony brought out to prove an alibi for him. He admitted his threats against Maroney and showed considerable animosity toward him. He took the judge's decision without exhibiting any feeling.

Yesterday a number of witnesses were introduced to prove threats made by Slayden as to killing Maroney. There were also several witnesses quizzed who were among the first ones to go to the body of the dead man and to tell as to the supposed ambush and the finding of the supposed bullet in an elm tree.

The boy Johnson, who worked for Slayden and who has been held in jail as a witness, was put on the stand. He proved quite a bone of contention and his testimony as to what was done by Slayden the morning of the killing was fought over. On the whole his testimony was damaging.

This morning the most of the testimony was as to what were various localities. The principal witness was H.G. Hixon, city engineer, who somewhat altered the testimony of R.P. Draper as regarded the various localities and how it was well nigh impossible for a shot to come from the ambush and strike a man where Maroney was found dead. He also had a map of the scene which he referred to in explaining his evidence.

At noon a tenant of Slayden, Copeland, took the stand. In regard to placing the action of the defendant on the fatal morning and for the upbuilding of an alibi he proved a good witness for the defense.

Mrs. Slayden went on at a quarter of one. She testified quite identically with Copeland and helped the theory of an alibi considerably. Her testimony was a little involved under cross examination.

The defense have made a strong attempt to prove an alibi and to also bring out that Maroney was a man of many enemies and that he had been accused of various crimes. Principally that of poisoning stock. They left him anything but a good character.

