

## HAD TO HIDE WITNESS.

Detective Defends Action in Answering Frank Contempt Charge.

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ATLANTA, Ga., May 15.—The hearing of the charge of contempt of court against William J. Burns and Dan S. Lehon, his lieutenant in the Frank investigation, which was set for Friday, was postponed until next week.

Through their attorneys, Little, Powell, Hooper & Goldstein, they have filed an answer to the charge, in which they said they were advised by their attorneys, Luther Z. Rosser and Reuben R. Arnold, that there was not the slightest impropriety or illegality in their conduct in sending the witness, Annie Maud Carter, out of the city, but that it was the proper thing to do under the circumstances.

"Deponent believes that in so doing," (sending the witness out of town,) Burns's answer continues, "he was serving the cause of right and justice, and was aiding the court in the ascertainment of truth, and was in no wise intending any contempt of court or of its processes, but was endeavoring to assist the court in saving its witnesses brought into court from any improper influence being exerted upon them."

The answer set out that the woman received nothing beyond her expenses, and that it was well within the ethics of the situation that a witness detained for the use of a party should receive from that party the expenses actually incurred.

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