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Mrs. George W. Jefferson, who is an employee of the pencil factory, was next called to the stand. Her examination was begun by Solicitor Dorsey.

"Where do you work?"

"In the National Pencil factory."

"Where were you working Friday, April 24."

"In the National Pencil factory."

"Were you there Monday?"

"Yes."

"Did you see anything on the floor near a dressing room?"

"Yes. It looked like something white had been spread over a spot of blood."

"How far is the polish room from the ladies' dressing room?"

"Four or five feet."

"How far are the cords from the dressing room?"

"They are hanging up on the wall."

"Is there any red paint in your department used in polishing pencils?"

"Yes."

"Is there any difficulty in distinguishing the different shades of red paint?"

"Yes."

Attorney Rosser took up the interrogation.

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"Could you tell how long that dark spot had been there?"

"No."

"That is a very dirty, greasy floor, isn't it?"

"Yes."

"Did you know Mary Phagan?"

"Yes. Had known her for a year. I've been working at the pencil factory for three years."

"You say the entire spots were as big as your fan?"

"Including the white stuff, they were."

"How big were the dark spots?"

"Smaller than the palm of your hand."

Solicitor Dorsey resumed questioning the witness.

"Where are the pencils painted?"

"On the third floor."

"Where is paint of any kind used on the second floor?"

"Only in the polish room."

Attorney Rosser again began interrogating.

"These wrapping cords, the kind found around the little girl's throat, are scattered all over the factory, aren't they?"

"They are supposed to be kept only in our department on the third floor."

"Don't they ever get into the basement in the trash or sweepings?"

"I've never been in the basement."

Here the solicitor took the witness.

"Is there any need for the cords in the basement?"

"Not that I know?"

She was then called from the stand.

"Who was the next man?"

"Mr. Darley."

"Who was the next man or woman?"

"Mattie Smith."

"Did you turn the building over to Newt Lee?"

"Yes."

"How many negroes worked in the building?"

"Seven or eight."

Always Sweeping.

"Did you ever hear of a man named Stanford who had a mania for sweeping out and couldn't stop until he had swept the whole floor?"

"Yes. He did it frequently."

"Do you remember seeing Mrs. Arthur White at the plant on the morning you left?"

"Yes."

"Do you remember Miss Hall coming in?"

"Yes."

"What was she doing?"

"Writing on the typewriter."

"Remember Frank coming back from Montag's?"

"Yes."

"Do you use these wrapping cords in any other part of the building beside the third floor?"

"Yes—everywhere."

"Don't some of them get into the trash?"

"Every day."

Did Not See Phagan.

"Did you see Mary Phagan that

Saturday?"

"No."

"Did you see Monteen Stover?"

"No."

"Was Jim Conley familiar with the metal room?"

"Sure he was. With every part of the factory."

The solicitor took the witness.

"Where were Denham and White working on the third floor?"

"Thirty feet from the elevator."

"What kind of lock was on the door where the blood was said to have been?"

"Common lock."

"Why are these wrapping cords used on the second floor?"

"To wrap up pencils."

"Who ever tied up pencils on the second floor?"

"Nobody."

Attorney Arnold began interrogating.

Forgot to Tell Dorsey.

"You forgot to tell Mr. Dorsey of sawing planks for Denham and White and, upon recollecting it, remembered about leaving the switch unlocked?"

"Yes."

"The elevator makes a lot of noise?"

"It surely does."

Further questions were asked by Mr. Dorsey.

"Does the elevator or motor make the most noise?"

"Motor."

Upon removing Holloway from the stand, Judge Roan adjourned Thursday's session.