

# DORSEY TO OPPOSE CLEMENCY TO FRANK

**Will Appear in Person Before  
Governor and Urge That  
Death Sentence Stand.**

**MAY ATTACK ROAN LETTER**

**Prison Commissioners Expected to  
Recommend Commutation, and  
They Also Will be Criticised.**

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ATLANTA, Ga., June 6.—It became practically certain today that when the case of Leo M. Frank, condemned to die for the murder of Mary Phagan, comes before the Governor for consideration of the prisoner's appeal for commutation to life imprisonment, Solicitor General Hugh M. Dorsey will appear to oppose any change in the sentence. Mr. Dorsey sent a letter to Governor Slaton in which he asked for the privilege of appearing at the hearing. The Governor sent this reply:

"Dear Sir—I will be pleased to grant your request in event the Frank case comes to my attention."

Governor Slaton's answer is framed in this style because the Governor never has admitted that the case will come before him for a hearing. As he will remain in office, however, until June 26, when Governor-elect Harris is to be sworn in, there is every probability that the case will come before Governor Slaton.

Solicitor Dorsey is preparing to make a vigorous fight on the petition for commutation, and it is generally believed that the hearing will be sensational. Mr. Dorsey wrote to the Prison Commission opposing clemency, but did not appear in person, as he preferred to make his fight before the Governor.

The Solicitor General has had detectives at work since the hearing before the Prison Board, and every bit of evidence presented at that time has been investigated. Mr. Dorsey and his agents have given special attention to the letter written by Judge Roan shortly before his death, in which he asserted doubt of the justice of the Frank verdict. It is reported that in some way this letter will be attacked; just how has not yet been divulged. It is understood that affidavits from Mrs. Roan and other members of the Roan family will be presented.

Mr. Dorsey has received thousands of letters from Georgians urging him to oppose commutation, and delegations from different parts of the State have visited the Solicitor General and urged him to oppose any change in the sentence. There appears to be considerable sentiment against the appeals in Frank's favor which have come from outside the State.

The Prison Commission's recommendation to the Governor probably will be handed down tomorrow. It is generally believed that the finding of the commission will be favorable to Frank. It is reported that two of the commissioners, R. E. Davison and T. E. Patterson, will recommend commutation, with E. L. Rainey undecided. Mr. Dorsey undoubtedly intends to attack the two members of the commission favoring commutation. He is said to have affidavits that Davison and Patterson months ago declared that Frank ought to receive commutation.

## **St. John's Hospital Anniversary.**

Many clergymen and physicians attended yesterday the twenty-fourth anniversary celebration of St. John's Hospital in Long Island City, which is conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Dr. James J. Walsh, former Dean of the Fordham Medical College, delivered the address. Sister M. Philomene, superior, and the other Sisters in charge of the hospital, took part in the exercises, which were under the direction of the Hospital Aid Society of which Dr. James F. Powers is President.