

NINE JURORS CHOSEN IN THE PAPCUN TRIAL

Judge Refuses to Quash the Indictment

UNIONTOWN, Pa., June 29. — The first day of the trial of George Papcun under the criminal syndicalism act ended with the selection of nine jurors. Twenty-one prospective jurors were examined. Six were challenged by the defense, five by the prosecution and one by mutual agreement.

Seek to Quash Indictments.

A motion to quash the indictment was made by Attorney Isaac Ferguson. It was formally overruled by Judge John Morrow with the understanding that the same arguments will be considered later.

The motion to quash was made on the grounds that the indictment charges no specific utterances, publications, or names no specific organization alleged to be seditious.

Similar to Pittsburgh Cases.

The indictment is similar to that in the Pittsburgh and Farrel cases which are still under advisement in the courts. The case has attracted widest attention locally.

Jurors Selected.

The following jurors have been selected; Nellie Gillmore, young girl clerk in florists' shop; James A. Williams, farmer; George Bowman, insurance agent; John Bean, country store keeper; Irene Golden, public school teacher; Frank J. Holland, seventy-three year old laborer, formerly a stationary engineer and railroad worker; Ezra Hilling, caretaker school building, formerly tailor; Harry Bigam, railway worker, formerly a miner and Mrs. Mary Coffman, wife of a school janitor.

Fear Trade Union Questioning.

The attempt of the defense to question prospective jurors on their views on trade unionism and strikes was not permitted by the judge. William Wilson, 70 year old painter and decorator, was challenged by the prosecution because he had heard one or two speeches on socialism.