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JUDGE PILATE OF KANSAS

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The following will entertain your local if presented by it in public and will prove excellent propaganda.

Characters. Fred D. Warren, editor Appeal to Reason, charged with defaming ex-Governor Failure, of Kentucky.

SCENE—A courtroom, with box for jury, table for attorney and at the back bench for judge.

WARREN—I suppose, of course, you will consent to another postponement. WARREN—Never. It is an outrage to even ask me to do so.

WARREN—If you really have a case, why do you ask a postponement or a plea of guilty? UNDERSTRAPPER—Well, you see, we had to bring an indictment when Roosevelt asked it.

WARREN—Oh, very well; just as you say. But remember, if we go to trial we will show you no mercy. You do not know how strong a case we have, Warren.

WARREN—Oyez, oyez. Do honorable district court of the United States is now in session. God save his honorable court.

FIRST JURYMEN (an old man looking on)—Who is that fellow? (pointing at the bailiff). UNDERSTRAPPER (with dignity)—That is the bailiff, sir.

FIRST JURYMEN—Are you sure it isn't Roosevelt? He looks like the pictures of the late president. I have heard that Roosevelt ordered this indictment brought, and maybe he has come from Africa disguised, in order to watch the case.

JUDGE PILATE (with dignity)—We will call the case of the United States against Fred D. Warren, charged with sending scurrilous, defamatory and threatening matter through the mails.

WARREN—Your honor, we are ready. JUDGE PILATE—Is the prosecution ready? CRAZY BONE (looking back and whispering to bailiff)—Are they all here?

ROTEN ARGUMENT. There seems to be a concerted move against Socialists, not only in America, but in England as well.

JUDGE PILATE—Let the venire of jurymen come within the railing. (They do so.) Proceed with the selection of the jury.

CRAZY BONE (to jurymen)—Is there a Socialist among these prospective jurors? (No answer.) Is there a relative or friend of Warren? (No answer.)

WARREN—I appeal to the court. JUDGE PILATE—The juror has expressed no opinion on this particular case; he doesn't know Warren and has not read the Appeal to Reason.

WARREN—If I cannot challenge the man who said he wanted me hung, I will at least dismiss men who look like they wanted to do something on that order.

WARREN—I have. Gentlemen of the jury, the defendant, Fred D. Warren, is charged with having sent threatening, scurrilous and defamatory language through the mails.

WARREN—I have. Gentlemen of the jury: There is and can be no possible proof that I mailed the letter in evidence.

WARREN—I have not confessed that the matter printed on the envelope is scurrilous, threatening and defamatory, or that it is either of these things.

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Mr. Failure, I believe you are a lawyer. Is it not usual, where a man thinks himself defamed or slandered, for him to bring suit in his own name, and is not his failure to do so a tacit admission that he recognizes no libel?

WARREN—Were you pardoned a week since especially so you could venture out of the state of Indiana and come here to testify against me?

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JUDGE PILATE—The jury has found a verdict. Its duty being done it is dismissed. (Exit, the jury.)

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