

FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE LEO FRANK

Defense Hopeful of Re-open- ing Case

CLAIM NEW EVIDENCE

Attorneys For Frank Say They Have
Sufficient Grounds Upon Which to
Base Extraordinary Move For a
New Trial.

Since the supreme court has re-
fused to grant a new trial, every ef-
fort is being put forth by the attor-
neys of Leo M. Frank, the young
factory superintendent charged with
the murder of Mary Phagan, and
condemned to be hanged, to obtain a
new hearing in spite of the decision
of the high tribunal of Georgia.

An extraordinary motion on the
part of the defense is being made to
reopen the case before Judge Ben
Hilli on grounds of newly discovered
evidence.

It is stated that several witnesses
who testified at the original trial of
Frank are charged with making false
statements; that coercion was used
in one or two instances, and, further-
more an alleged "frame up" against
the condemned is charged.

A number of affidavits from char-
acter witnesses, repudiating their
testimony on the stand, is likewise
reported to be in the hands of the
defense. It is said that a number
of girls and women who testified
for the prosecution have repudiated

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their testimony and have furnished evidence that will be used by the defense in its probable move to gain a new trial.

In view of these alleged new developments the defense claims to have sufficient grounds on which to base an extraordinary move for a new trial and are working with renewed effort to save their client from the gallows.

In the meantime Frank, notwithstanding the decision of the supreme court, is said to have lost none of his hopes for another and final hearing before the courts.

Jim Conley, principal witness in the Leo Frank trial and now held in jail as accessory after the fact in the killing of Mary Phagan, comes to trial this week before Judge Ben Hill, of the criminal division of the superior court. FEB 26, 1914

W. J. Burns Reports.

W. J. Burns, the noted detective who has been at work for the past few weeks on the Phagan murder case reported Wednesday that he had convicting evidence that the girl was murdered by the floor sweeper and not by Leo. M. Frank. APR 23, 1913