

# DUDGEON CASE FAR FROM END

## Dingeman Predicts Trial Will Last Through Another Week

(By Associated Press.)

White Cloud, June 6.—Another week will be required to finish the trial of Alice Dudgeon and her son Lee for the murder of Romie Hodell, Mrs. Dudgeon's son-in-law, whose body was found in 1922 hanging in a barn near the Dudgeon home.

This was the opinion of Judge Harry J. Dingeman of Detroit, who is presiding and of counsel for state and defense when court recessed yesterday at noon until Monday. Several witnesses remain to be called by the state, while the defense will place both defendants on the stand in addition to introducing much other evidence which will require considerable time. Night sessions may be resorted to if there appears a prospect of not putting the case up to the jury by Saturday.

A strong witness for Lee and his mother was Robert Bennett, a farm hand employed by Hodell, who was on the witness stand all Friday and who will be examined by the state Monday. Bennett himself was charged with complicity in the killing of Hodell but was acquitted at the same trial at which Lee was convicted. Lee now is having the retrial ordered by the Michigan supreme court.

Bennett told of alleged cruel and inhuman tactics employed by the state police in obtaining confessions from the two defendants. He told of being taken on two occasions by the state policemen to the place where the body was found and of threats, ghost scenes, and even physical violence that were employed in an effort to make him confess a part in the alleged crime.

Bennett's imitation of how the ghost scene was enacted was a bright spot in a torrid session. Asked to show how Lieutenant Karkeet invoked the spirit of the dead man, Bennett walked to the front of the jury box, bowed low several times, waving his hands weirdly as he did so, and emitting loud, doleful moans.