

of the house. He stated he heard no commands to halt and the first he knew there were armed men in the vicinity, as when the firing began and he was shot. He stated that after being shot, he opened the door and fell to the ground and later made his way back into the house, where he used the telephone in an effort to get a doctor.

After telephoning, he said he went to the toilet next to the bar in the house and there was another man there. He observed the photographs of the mob and selected that of GEORGE NELSON as being this man. He was unable to state he had seen any of the others there. He stated he did not know when this man left the toilet.

Owing to the physical condition of JOHN MORRIS, no effort was made to obtain a signed statement from him at this time.

#### INTERVIEW WITH DR. W. H. WACEK:

DR. W. H. WACEK, House Physician, Grand View Hospital, Ironwood, Michigan, advised Special Agents Suran and McKee, that Hoffman was suffering from a flesh wound above the right elbow, caused by a gun shot and that there were numerous small cuts about his face caused by glass. Dr. Wacek turned over to Special Agent McKee, a pellet from a shotgun which was taken from the gunshot wound. Hoffman's condition is not serious.

Dr. Wacek advised that John Morris was suffering from a double puncture wound through the right shoulder region, but the lung was not hit; that Morris also has a gunshot wound from the upper pole of left kidney to mid-axilar line. Morris was operated on and a slug removed from this wound and turned over to Agent Suran on April 25, 1934. Morris is in critical condition.

Constable Carl Christian Christensen was interviewed by Special Agent Suran on April 25, 1934 and the following statement secured:

#### SIGNED STATEMENTS OF CARL C. CHRISTENSEN:

Ironwood, Mich.  
April 25, 1934.

I, CARL CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN, do voluntarily make the following statement to H. C. Suran, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On April 22, 1934, at about 10:30 P.M., Special Agents Jay G. Newman and W. Carter Baum came to my home at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, at which place I am the constable. They were driving a Ford V-8 Coupe. I advised them of the Packard car which had been stolen a short time before from Henry Kuhnert, apparently by one of the men who had escaped from Little Bohemia.

I got into the agent's car, sitting on the outside, while Agent Newman was driving and Agent Baum was sitting in the middle. We then drove to Voss' Resort, where we received information that a car had driven into Koerner's resort without lights.

The three of us immediately proceeded towards Koerner's place and when we arrived near Koerner's, we saw a Chevrolet Sedan parked without lights on U. S. Highway No. 51, by the side of Koerner's place.

We drove up to this car cautiously and observed no one was in the car. I did not recognize the car as being a local car and informed the agents it was a stranger's car. We then took the license number. We then continued on in the Ford Coupe to the entrance of Koerner's place and saw a car in front of the house, without lights. We could not see what make of car it was. Agent Newman then turned the lights of our car on the car in front of the house and I informed the agents it was a neighbor's car, as I recognized it as being the car of George La Porte.

We pulled up on the right side of La Porte's car and had not come to a complete stop when a man jumped out of the front seat of La Porte's car and pushed an automatic pistol through the open window of our car on the side occupied by Agent Newman.

I have been shown a photograph of one GEORGE NELSON alias "Baby Face", appearing in the Chicago Police bulletins and state that it is the likeness of this man.

NELSON said, "I know who you are, a dirty God Damn bunch of cops with vests on. I'll shoot you in the heads anyway." At this point, the man started shooting. I had my revolver in my hand and apparently the man's first shot knocked it from my hand. Agent Newman at this time got out of the car and fell, apparently struck by a bullet as the man continued firing. I then opened the car door and started to get out, when I felt a bullet hit me. After I got out of the car, I fell in the ditch. Then Agent Baum came out of the car and fell over the fence. The machine gun he had fell on top of me.

NELSON then got into the car and continued to fire at me while I lay on the ground. I felt three or four more bullets hit me. The shot I felt when getting out of the car was in the back. Nelson then backed the car away and Agent Newman opened fire. I was in line of fire and one of his bullets hit me in the foot.

I then tried to get over to Agent Baum whom I heard gasping for breath, but I was unable to move.

(Signed) CARL CHRISTENSEN

Witnesses:

Helen Kaufman,  
Ironwood, Michigan.

R. C. Suran, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Mo.

INTERVIEW WITH DR. M. A. GERTZ:

DR. M. A. GERTZ, Twin City Hospital, Ironwood, Michigan, stated that Constable Christensen was in a critical condition and was suffering from the following wounds:

- 2 Gunshot wounds, right anterior of chest, probably a through and through wound;
- 1 Gunshot wound, left posterior of chest;
- 1 Gunshot wound, posterior surface of right chest;
- 1 Gunshot wound over left hip with fracture of left ilium;
- 1 Gunshot wound, middle right arm;
- 1 Gunshot graze on left leg;
- 1 Gunshot graze on left arm;
- 1 Gunshot wound, right foot.

Dr. Wacker stated X-ray examination disclosed only one slug in Constable Christensen, which was lodged in the hip. He stated that he could not tell whether the slug could be removed. But in the event it was removed, it would be held, pending instructions of the Division.

#### INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD MITCHELL

EDWARD MITCHELL, upon interview, advised that before midnight on April 23, 1934, three men came to the door of his residence at Mitchell's Rest Lake Resort, Manitowish, Wisconsin, and said they wanted a car; that two of the men came into the house and one remained on the outside; that Mrs. Mitchell was present when the two men came into the house and one man, who was identified as JOHN DILLINGER, said, "I went outside with them and they did not like the looks of the Mitchell's car, so they asked who owned the car next to it and they were advised that it belonged to Robert Johnson, who resides in a small cabin on Mitchell property.

Mrs. Mitchell stated that Dillinger was present and that HOMER VAN METER was probably the other individual, but that she was not certain as to this identification. She was unable to describe or identify the third man.

Edward Mitchell said that because of his bad eyesight, he could not identify any of the individuals present; that after leaving his house, the men went over to Johnson's cabin to get his car.

#### INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT L. JOHNSON

On April 23, 1934, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Malson. Agent interviewed Mr. Robert L. Johnson, c/o Mitchell's Rest Lake Resort, Manitowish, Wisconsin, who stated that he and his wife are residing in a small cottage on Mitchell's Rest Lake Resort, and that about 10:00 P.M. on the night of April 23, 1934, he was called to the door by some one shouting that he was in bed and immediately dressed and with a flashlight went to the door; that there were three men standing outside in the darkness and they shouted to him to turn the flashlight down to the ground and come out; that he obeyed these instructions and was told to drive his 1930 Ford Coupe, Motor A2, 98 color black, with a small green stripe below the windows; that this