

PEORIA GRAND JURY CONDEMNS DRY TERRORISM

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 29.—[Special.]—Sweeping condemnation of Walter Moody, deputy United States marshal, and "Lone Wolf" J. E. Asher and Max Hartzing, federal prohibition agents, in which alleged assaults and invasion of constitutional rights are cited, was voiced in the report of the September grand jury to Judge T. N. Green this afternoon.

Moody, Asher, and Hartzing were indicted for larceny and robbery, and Asher and Moody were indicted for assault to injure.

Urges Action by President.

Judge Green, in his charge to the jury a week ago, assailed the tactics used by the agents in making raids in Peoria. The report today urged action by President Coolidge and Gen. Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement.

"From witnesses appearing before us," the report said, "we learned that willful and malicious acts were committed by officials alleging themselves to be working out of the prohibition department of the United States and that they were aided and abetted by a man named Walter Moody, who, we learned, is a deputy United States

marshal working out of the Springfield office.

"He, while working in conjunction with the aforesaid parties, visited homes, places of business and residences of reputable citizens of Peoria county, who were violating no law of the United States of America, the state of Illinois or the city of Peoria.

Tells Deeds of Violence.

"This quad of men, sometimes in numbers 10 and 15, including Moody, under the guise of enforcing the prohibition laws, wilfully and maliciously entered homes and places of business without any warrants or legal authority whatever, proceeded to drink up private property of persons operating such business, filled their pockets with cigars and articles of like nature, destroyed glassware, knocked over tables, and in the event any resistance was offered by the owners and proprietors of said premises they were unmercifully beaten by said United States deputy marshal and other members of said body.

"In seven or eight instances, every known right of citizens of the United States of America was denied them. On occasions most vile, obscene, and indecent language was used; at times in the presence of ladies.

"In several instances, the men abused were ex-soldiers who had done noble duty in protecting the liberty and property of our United States not only in the late war, but in the Spanish American war."