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### COUNTY ATTORNEY COBB WILL PROSECUTE THE CASE AGAINST WILLARD.

He Has Subpoenaed All of the Witnesses for the State—They Will Be on Hand Today—The Blunk Murder Case Is Still in Progress—The New Bridge at Turner Will Be Built—Other Items of Interest and Suburban Gossip.

County Attorney Cobb will give Mayor Willard of Argentine an opportunity to show his hand in the impeachment proceedings which he threatens to bring. A few days ago Mayor Willard stated to a Times reporter that if Cobb pushed the case against him for malfeasance in office he would produce sufficient evidence to oust not only Cobb from office, but also a deputy sheriff. He said that he courted a trial and strongly hinted that the county attorney was afraid to proceed with the case.

The article which appeared in this paper concerning the matter somewhat aroused Cobb, and he now proposes to try Willard, no matter what the consequences are. Yesterday afternoon he caused Clerk McGonigal of the Court of Common Pleas to issue subpoenas for

Judge Robinson, James Russell, James Bowers, Lou Trail, Harry Higginbotham, Theodore Petrie, T. L. Higgins, Otto Habenmuhl and John Louke. It is proposed to show by the above-named witnesses that Willard knew of the existence of joints in Argentine and that he failed to notify the county attorney of their presence. If convicted on this charge he will lose his office. The case will be called in the Court of Common Pleas today if the Blunk case is concluded. The State's witnesses have all been notified to be in court this morning.

Just what will be the outcome of the trouble between Cobb and Willard is a matter of conjecture. Willard says he will be able to oust Cobb with ease and that he proposes to do so whether he himself is convicted or acquitted. He expresses no fear of being convicted. For some time he has been securing affidavits to be used against Cobb, and says some of them are very rich. He will not give them out for publication at present, but says they will all be made public in due time. Cobb's friends claim that Willard can not oust him. They think that the affidavits, which the Mayor of Argentine has been raking in, are mostly from jointkeepers and that they would have no weight with a jury whatever. In this respect they consider a jointkeeper's oath about as sacred as the oaths of the Republican county officials who testified before the Senate investigating committee last winter that they did not use any money in the Legislature to defeat the fee and salary bill.