

**The Voters' Column**

by Hoyt King

One by one Mr. Loesch and his aids are smoking out those of State's Attorney Crowe's official family who refuse help to punish the thugs accused of election frauds and political murder. This official list now includes five members of the County Board, Municipal Court Bailiff Snow, Sheriff Graydon and Police Commissioner Hughes.

Forced to a decision by Mr. Loesch, acting for the Crime Commission, six judges of the Superior and Circuit Courts, two of them public endorsers of the Crowe administration, refused to remove Judges Eller, Klarkowski and Kerner from the Criminal bench for reducing to jail sentences and parole numerous penitentiary offenses.

While Judge Eller has asked for transfer to the Civil branch, by the decision of the judges he remains on the Criminal bench until September. Under rule of court he now becomes the present acting chief justice and has certain control of the investigation that involves indicted relatives and supporters of his father, boss of the Bloody Twentieth ward. Two of the indicted are accused of the murder of his father's opponent for ward committeeman. Judge Eller has enabled these men to be freed by reducing their bonds.

"The people elected me and I will let them decide with reference to me," declared Judge Eller last week from the bench.

Judge Eller was elected in 1923 by a vote of 203,348, being 18th on the list of 20 judges elected. One million voters did not vote for him or for any one. The failure of the voter to express himself in judicial elections, is pointed out as the real cause of present bad political conditions. The bar passed upon the qualification of judges that year and out of a total vote of 2,547 lawyers Judge Eller received 281 votes, standing 37th in the list.

In spite of the Bar's fight against the election of judges subservient to political influence, the bench has deteriorated of late years.

In the June election, the Bar candidates, four men of public record and notably fit, received only 100,000 votes, with over a million not voting. The opponents of the Bar candidates, two of them public endorsers of the Crowe regime, were elected.

Mr. Loesch's exposures would indicate to the ordinary citizen that the bench, almost entirely dependent on the self-interested vote for support at the polls, has, with some notable exceptions, become subservient to political influence, and that it is largely responsible for crime conditions.

The only way, apparently, to get the

people to vote, is to make them mad, and the acts of these public officials are making them mad.

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"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

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