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Where I have not mentioned the more prominent ones, an inspection of the record fails to maintain the contention.

It is contended that a lawyer was engaged for Frank at the station house before he was arrested. This is replied to by the defense that a friend had engaged counsel without Frank's knowledge, and the lawyer advised Frank to make a full statement to the detectives.

Jim Conley.

The most startling and spectacular evidence in the case was that given by a Negro, Jim Conley, a man 27 years of age, and one who frequently had been in the chain gang. Conley had worked at the factory for about two years and was thoroughly acquainted with it. He had worked in the basement for about two months and had run the elevator for about a year and a half.

On May 1st, he was arrested by the detectives.

Near the body in the basement had been found two notes, one written on brown paper and the other on a leaf of a scratch pad. That written on white paper in a Negro's handwriting showed the following:

'He said he would love me, lay down play like the night witch, did it, but that long, tall black negro did boy hisself.'

On the brown paper, which was the carbon sheet of an order blank headed 'Atlanta, Ga.—, 1900.' which hereafter becomes important, was written in a Negro's handwriting the following:

'Mam that negro fire down here did this I went to make water and he pushed me down a hole a long tall negro black did (had) it. I write while play with me.'