

CALL MORTICIAN, PHYSICIAN IN SHORE PROBE

**Dr. A. D. Brown and
Jim Stewart Summon-
ed to Hearing.**

FAMILY MEMBERS NOT NOTIFIED

**Aunts and Others who
Knew Man, Ignored.**

Staff Correspondence.

SALISBURY, Md.—Dr. Arthur D. Brown, prominent physician, and James F. Stewart, leading undertaker, were among the 13 colored witnesses called in the grand jury investigation into the lynching of Matthew Williams, who was hanged and burned here December 4, which opened formally here, Tuesday.

Other witnesses of importance summoned were, Rufus Jernigan, of Snow Hill, Md., and Jacob Conquest, of Salisbury, both of whom were patients in the Peninsula General Hospital at the time that Williams was carried from his cot and thrown from a window into the waiting arms of the mob.

It is believed that they can identify some of the leaders. Dr. Brown is said to have been returning from a professional visit in his car and ran into the mob unexpectedly as they were burning the body. He is thought to have recognized a number of the lynchers.

Mr. Stewart retrieved the charred body shortly after the mob completed its work.

Other witnesses called were Marion Talley, Leander Morris, Howard Leonard, Merle Friend, Walter Dashiell, Ned Roberts, John Williams, William Purnell and Henry Purnell, of Wicomico County.

Family Ignored

The immediate members of the Williams family who might be able to throw light on the events leading up to the slaying of Daniel J. Elliott, white, employer of Williams, which precipitated the lynching, were not called, it was learned today.

Interviewed at her home by a re-

porter of the **AFRO-AMERICAN**, Mrs. Addie Black, the aunt of Williams, said she did not know that witnesses were to be called until she read it in the paper.

In answer to the question as to whether she had received any information of whether she would be called, she answered in the negative.

It was learned here that an aunt of Matthew Williams, Miss Minnie Handy, of Babylon, New York, had received notice that she would be summoned before the grand jury. It was also understood that Mrs. Olivia Simmons, of Philadelphia, sister of the dead man, would be called, but their names were not included in the official list.

The uncle of Williams, Matthew Hardy, could not be reached. It was understood that he has returned to his work at the city gas plant. It could not be learned whether he would be called before the grand jury or not.

Both the Handy and Black families live in comfortable homes in the Northwestern section of the town, off the main line.

I. L. D. Wires Ritchie

The International Labor Defense wired a protest to Governor Albert C. Ritchie, demanding the impeachment of Judge Bailey and the empaneling of a new grand jury composed of both white and colored jurors:

The telegram read:

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Annapolis, Md.

Judge Bailey, in charging grand jury incites them against International Labor Defense as outside organization. We are an outside organization only in sense that principles of justice and equality for which we stand are foreign to the Eastern Shore.

You promised no suffering by unemployed here, but today two white men are trial for protesting the eviction of a bed-ridden Negro woman. Now Judge Bailey, representing Maryland Government, incites lynching against such militant workers.

The police murder of Ford workers echoes in Maryland. We demand new grand jury of white and Negro workers, the impeachment of Judge Bailey, and the right of workers to organize and stop evictions, lynchings and death to lynchers.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE.