

MR. O'DUNNE TO RESIGN

He Will Retire From The Office Of
Deputy State's Attorney.

PRIVATE PRACTICE HIS OBJECT

**Picturesque Figure At The Bar, He
Has Prosecuted Many Noteworthy
Cases.**

Deputy State's Attorney Eugene O'Dunne will resign this morning as chief assistant to State's Attorney Owens. His only reason for this step is his desire to devote himself entirely to the private practice of his profession.

The announcement will cause surprise to many of Mr. O'Dunne's friends, who had no idea that he contemplated the move. It is understood, however, that he has been considering this action some time and planning for it. He has made no definite arrangements for his future course. His first business after resigning will be to select private offices near the Court-house, which will continue to be the centre of his activities.

Mr. O'Dunne is one of the most picturesque figures at the Baltimore bar, his tall form, stylish clothes and eyeglasses fastened to a long, dangling black silk cord attracting attention wherever he goes.

Since 1903, when he was appointed an assistant in the office by State's Attorney Poe, Mr. O'Dunne has been prosecuting officer for the State. He has had charge in that time of many important cases.

Humor is so natural to him that he rarely tries a case in which some evidence of it does not crop out. Above all, as one of his friends said of him, he is eminently fair, and would scorn to take an improper advantage of an opponent. If he does not think the evidence warrants a conviction, he is not afraid to say so, and, therefore, secure the acquittal of an accused person.

Mr. O'Dunne said yesterday that his association with Mr. Owens had always been delightful and that he had the highest regard for him and always will have. Although Mr. O'Dunne would not say so, friends declare that he can derive no further benefit by remaining in the State's Attorney's office, and now is the time for him to get out and build up a greater practice and reputation.

The resignation will leave a vacancy in the office. One of the present assistants will probably be promoted to deputy and a new man brought in as assistant. The salary of the deputy is \$2,000 and of the assistants \$1,500 a year.

TO RESIGN TODAY AS DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY



[Photograph by Holmes and Bishop.]

MR. EUGENE O'DUNNE