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LYNCH PROBE

AT SALISBURY

State Attorney General Busy Presenting Evidence To Grand Jury

SALISBURY, Md., March 16 (A^p).

—The Wicomico county grand jury today continued to call witnesses from a list of 102 subpoenaed persons as it began the second day of its investigation of the lynching here last December 4 of Matthew Williams, negro, a few hours after he shot and killed his white employer, Daniel J. Elliott.

Twelve witnesses were examined yesterday afternoon including G. Murray Phillips, Wicomico county sheriff, but the nature of their testimony or the angles the investigation was taking were kept secret.

The jurors had been instructed by Judge Joseph L. Bailey to look into all circumstances surrounding the lynching and the action of an "outside organization" on the Eastern Shore.

While that "outside organization" was not mentioned by name by the court, the International Labor Defense League said it had been in the mind of the jurist and in a telegram to Governor Ritchie, Louis Berger, secretary of the League demanded the impeachment of the judge. Berger said the League had been insulted by the court.

The League also protested the selection of jury declaring it had been "hand picked to perfect lynch rule." The League representative in a telegram to Judge Bailey complained that there were no negroes on the jury or representatives of the poor working classes.

Attorney General William Preston Lane, Jr., with an assistant is here aiding the county officers present the evidence to the grand jury.