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is not to be asked in the presence of the jury. Let the jury come in, please.

(The jury returned to the courtroom, and the proceedings continued with the jury present.)

MR. CHATHAM: I don't believe I have anything further.

(WITNESS EXCUSED.)

LEE MCGARRH,

A witness introduced for and on behalf of the defendants, being first duly sworn, upon his oath testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLUM:

Q You are Mr. Lee McGarrh?

A Yes, Sir.

Q How old are you, Mr. McGarrh?

A Thirty five.

Q Where do you live?

A At Glendora.

Q Glendora, Mississippi?

A That's right.

Q How long have you lived at Glendora?

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A For the past ten years.

Q Do you know Mr. J.W. Milam, one of the defendants in this case?

A Yes, Sir, I do.

Q How long have you known him?

A Ten years.

Q How far does he live from you there in the little community of Glendora?

A Well, I wold say, roughly, about three hundred yards.

Q About three hundred yards?

A Yes, Sir.

Q Do you know there in this community where Mr. J.W. Milam lives his general reputation for peace and violence?

A I do.

Q Is that reputation good or bad?

A Good.

MR. KELLUM: That is all.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Q Mr. McGarrh, what business are you in?

A I operate a grocery store and service station.

Q Were you qualified here at this term of Court as

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a juror? It seems that your name has been called out here before.

A Well, I was called up but I was disqualified.

Q In other words, you were called up as a juror, and you disqualified yourself because - - -

MR. KELLUM: We object to that.

THE COURT: The objection is sustained.

Q Mr. McGarrh, you have known J.W. Milam for how long?

A Approximately ten years.

Q And have you lived close by him there in Glendora?

A Well, for about the past seven years, yes, Sir.

Q And during that time you have formed a warm friendship with him, is that right?

A We were close friends, yes, Sir.

Q And he has done business with you and you have done business with him?

A That's right, Sir.

Q And in your testimony here as to his good character, that is based on your own personal knowledge, and as far as you know, you have never heard of him being involved in any wrong doings?

A No, I have not; not to my knowledge.

Q And your testimony here this morning is based on your own knowledge?

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A That's rights, Sir.

Q And you, as a close friend of his, you want to help him out of his difficulty, is that right?

A Well, I didn't come up here to tell a lie. I came to tell the truth.

Q But that is the reason you are up here this morning, isn't it, because you are a friend of J.W. Milam?

A Yes, Sir.

MR. CHATHAM: That is all.

(WITNESS EXCUSED.)

L.E. BOYCE,

A witness introduced for and on behalf of the defendants, being first duly sworn, upon his oath testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLUM:

Q You're Mr. L.W. Boyce?

A Yes, Sir.

Q Where do you live, Mr. Boyce?

A Three and a half miles out of Glendora.

Q How long have you lived there?