

COURT HEARS KAHLER'S PLEA AND FIXES LIGHT SENTENCE.

Prisoner Convicted of Being Accessory in Post Office Annex Robbery to Serve Five Years.

Jerry Kahler, who was recently convicted by a Federal jury of being an accessory after the fact in connection with a robbery of the registered mail at the Post Office Annex, was yesterday sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and to serve a term of five years in the Missouri Penitentiary by Judge Elmer B. Adams, sitting in the United States District Court.

When the prisoner was asked whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, Kahler advanced to the railing in front of the bench and addressed the court in impassioned language for more than ten minutes.

He said that he was not guilty, and that his witnesses had been intimidated by the Post Office Inspectors who investigated the case. He claimed that he had never been connected with any crime in his life, and concluded with another protestation of his innocence.

While the man was speaking, Judge Adams listened attentively and when he had ended said, as the jury had found him guilty, it was his duty to impose a sentence.

Post Office Inspector Sullivan remarked yesterday that he thought Kahler's re-

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marks had the effect of having his sentence reduced at least five years. The attaches of the court were of the opinion that Kahler would receive ten years, and were surprised at the sentence.

Kahler was convicted of aiding in the destruction of evidence following the robbery by assisting the men who committed the act to burn the mail pouch and its contents in the furnace of his saloon in Clark avenue.

The six men charged with the crime were all indicted by the Grand Jury. Two have been convicted and sentenced. Two others died, one turned State's evidence, and one is serving a term at the Penitentiary on another charge.

Death Awaited His Awakening.

Charles Ashoff, 39 years old, fell dead as

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