

Russell Turns State Witness

Famous Salem Cross Roads Robbery Trial Under Way in Packed Courtroom

Pitts, "the Man Without Finger Prints," Russell and Miss Peggy Jean King, Alleged Accomplice, On Hand But "Mysterious Man From Rock Hill" Not Yet Identified.

The most sensational criminal case in Fairfield county's history, the nationally publicized Salem Cross Roads Robbery, went to trial Wednesday morning before the February term of the Court of General Sessions.

RUSSELL AND LADD TESTIFY WEDNESDAY

Court recessed at 6 p. m. Wednesday and Judge Gren-eker ordered the jury "locked up" for the duration of the Sa-



JAMES ROBERT PITTS



HARRY W. RUSSELL

lem case. Only two witnesses were heard Wednesday, Harry Russell, who turned state's witness, and G. W. Ladd, proprietor of the store who was bound, gagged and robbed.

Mr. Ladd identified both James Robert Pitts, 39, and Peggy Jean King, walking down from the witness stand into the crowded courtroom and pointing each out. As the court recessed, Mr. Ladd was being cross examined by At-
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