

Motion to Quash "By Bowen Denied

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AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 2.—The trial of John W. Bowen of Dallas, under indictment charging forgery and passing forged witness fee certificates, was started in the Ninety-Eighth District Court Monday after having been postponed three times. Bowen was indicted in connection with the handling of witness fee certificates in criminal cases of Dallas County.

When the case was called by Judge J. D. Moore, counsel for Bowen moved to quash the indictment on the ground that it was based on insufficient facts. Judge Moore overruled him, both sides announced ready and the selection of a jury was begun.

Present from Dallas for the trial were Judge Charles Phippen of Criminal District Court No. 2 and District Clerk J. Bailie Fink, both of whose names were alleged to have been forged to the certificates.

The claim is made by Bowen that the witness fee certificate was one of many he purchased for the accommodation of witnesses and as an investment. He denies any knowledge that the certificate was invalid.

In the specific case on trial, Bowen, who is 69 years old, is charged with making a false certificate for \$45.68, which was placed for collection with the Republic Bank and Trust Company in Austin and passed on Robert Goodfellow, an employe of the State Comptroller's Department. Eight other indictments charging forgery and passing forged instruments were returned against Bowen.