

IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF ALL RIGHTS OF AMERICANS UNDER CONSTITUTION, SAYS JUSTICE

**Acts in Trying and Purporting to Punish Private
Citizens Secretly Are Criminal; All Assemblies
Should Be Prosecuted Under Laws of
State, His Opinion**

Ku Klux Klan methods are in direct violation of all the rights which the constitution of the United States gives the accused, according to Justice of the Peace Oscar L. Pease.

Judge Pease also points out that Klan activities could be prosecuted under the Arizona criminal code.

When asked for a statement regarding his views, Judge Pease said:

"The idea I have gathered of the K. K. K., its aims and purposes from reading the daily newspapers is that they try individuals of the community secretly for alleged offenses and under the cover of darkness in disguise seek out such persons and administer punishment.

"Such acts are undoubtedly criminal, since the defendant is deprived

of all the rights guaranteed under the constitution of his own state and of the United States; has no counsel, no witnesses in his behalf, not present in person to face his accusers or opportunity to cross-examine.

"The whole proceeding is wrong, unAmerican, with a tendency to encourage mob law and undermine lawful government.

"Under the criminal code of this state, such assemblies could be prosecuted. See the Revised Statutes of Arizona, page 40, chapter 8, Conspiracy:

" 'If two or more persons conspire to commit any crime, each any every individual could be prosecuted as a principal for each and every unlawful act committed'."