

around the hall that there were no squad out last night.

Around the city hall there was found much support of Hopkins' action even though Mayor Harrison and Major Funkhouser expressed the opinion that it was the beginning of an "open town."

"It is an outrage upon decency and justice to send young men into doubtful districts with the citizens' money in their pockets to entrap poor feeble minded women of the streets," said Judge Hopkins. "I don't believe it is in keeping with the modern idea of what is just, decent and right."

For performing those sort of duties the stool pigeons are given fat expense money for their pleasures which the taxpayers must cough up.

The first wallop of Hopkins at the squad came yesterday when on the plea of Att'y Edwin Wright he released Clyde Blakesmon and Ora Morris.

Blakemon and the Morris girl, negroes, were arrested March 13. Funkhouser investigators got the two into a room, then Policeman John Kelly appeared. "Give me \$5 and I'll fix this cop," Blakemon said to the investigator who had led him into the trap. The investigator came across with \$3.50. Blakemon handed it to a fourth man, who chanced to be another investigator.

Judge Hopkins ruled that Blakemon could not bribe an investigator with an investigator's own money.

Judge Olson stood behind Hopkins and said he would remain in the morals court until Judge Heau, for whom Hopkins is subbing, returns from New York.

"I realize that it is necessary to use finesse and even money to get evidence in cases of soliciting," said Hopkins. "You can't go after a criminal ringing a bell. But soliciting on the streets is not a violation of the statute; it is a violation of a city ordinance. Soliciting is a common violation due largely to the weakness of human nature. Dr. Hickson of the Psychopathic Laboratory has

said that 80 per cent of these unfortunates are defective. They have the mental equipment of children.

"The cases I decided when I occupied the bench permanently were at the time when the red light district was being broken up and an attempt was being made to banish commercialized vice from the city. We were then after the keepers and owners. Today they are not gunning for big game. They are going after a few feeble minded girls who don't know any better and who are trying to make their living. More than 60 per cent of that 80 per cent are declared to be hereditary victims."

WANT THE JITNEY BUS

The jitney bus is needed right away and 1,100 residents along the lake shore want action from the city council, according to statements before city council judiciary committee yesterday. Miss Emily B. Larned of the Virginia hotel told of getting the 1,100 signers and said this doesn't represent the complete sentiment. Commissioner of Public Service Montague Ferry and S. E. Lyon, president Chicago Automobile Transportation Co., also spoke.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

Brownsville, Tex., March 24.—The population of Matamoros swept into this city today, fearful over results of the impending battle between Carranzistas and Villistas.

Villa's forces are gradually drawing up on two sides and estimates indicate that there are from 7,000 to 8,000 ready to attack the Carranza stronghold within two or three days.

The Carranzista commander today was throwing up new trenches and bringing in new munitions—much of it directly from the United States.

McAlester, Okla.—Score slightly injured when pillar collapsed in hall during convention of Woodmen Circle; firemen took many women down ladders.