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P R E F A C E

MORE men have been prosecuted, convicted, and sentenced for vice racketeering during the past three years than during any other period in the criminal history of New York City. These same men who are now "guests" at the various state penal institutions were the *leaders* in the field of vice. The man responsible for this commendable work is the one, whom I submit, has been the finest district attorney New York County has had since the days of William Travis Jerome.

(In one respect the careers of the men were alike. Both men established excellent records in office—yet were subject to vicious attacks from certain members of the press.)

We are faced today with the spectacle of thousands of columns of newsprint giving the details of the work of the various law-enforcement officials in their efforts to stamp out the vicious practice of the "vice barons". In none of these articles have I ever seen the simple, unadorned truth, concerning the man who was responsible for this intensive drive.

I have been an impartial observer on the criminal scene for many years. I have paid particular heed to the work being done by District Attorney Dodge, both directly and through his assistants, in stemming the rise of the brutal vice racketeers. The facts that I am stating are true. I shall not editorialize concerning their significance. They speak for themselves.

In 1934 a stool-pigeon walked into the District Attorney's office and stated that he wished to impart certain information concerning the operations of a ring of "vice bookies". The district attorney regarded this information so important that he called Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine and asked that an officer be sent to be present