

THOUGH IT WAS DISMISSED.

**EFFORT WILL NOW BE MADE TO
INDICT A WITNESS WHO DIS-
APPEARED.**

MERCHANTS ARE IN EARNEST.

**Think They Were Purposely Thrown
Down and Will Push the Matter
to the End.**

Word comes from Duluth, of the dismissal, on the motion of Acting County Attorney Charles O. Baldwin, of the conspiracy case against Moses Cook, W. M. Abrahamson, Isaac Abrahamson and Hymen Cohen, in which an indictment was returned by the special grand jury in St. Louis county at the January term of the district court. Mr. Baldwin, who was specially appointed to serve by Gov. Clough, stated that this action did not in any wise indicate that the case against the men named would be dropped. He stated that it would be taken up at the next term with new indictments, which will seek to include Louis Pavian, the principal witness for the state in the old case.

It appears that Pavian, who has at times been a resident of St. Paul, deserted Mr. Baldwin and was in hiding so that the case could not be proceeded with at this time. With the choice of a continuation of the old case or a dismissal, the defense preferred the latter, and Judge Cant, before whom the case was to be tried, dismissed the action. The rather sensational statement is made that the boy Pavian's father offered to Mr. Young, of Finch Van Slyck, Young & Co., a proposition to produce the boy if paid the sum of \$250. This Mr. Young indignantly declined to listen to, and Mr. Baldwin is authority for the statement that he will seek to have the boy indicted for conspiracy, as stated above. His affidavit in the case is in the possession of the lawyer, and will be used against him. In this Pavian sets forth that Cook came to him and told him that he was thinking of falling, and would do so if he could make \$5,000 or \$6,000 out of it. His plan was to buy all the goods he could and sell them to others at 50 cents on the dollar. The stuff was to be purchased on thirty days time, and before the time had expired he intended to leave for other parts. The allegation is that Pavian, who is only about eighteen years old, is a relative of old man Moses, and has been in cahoots with the others mentioned in obtaining merchandise from Finch, Van Slyck, Young & Co., and other well known St. Paul firms. The statement is made here that his whereabouts are known and that steps will be taken to bring him to book.

E. A. Young, of the firm named, seen yesterday, made the following statement:

"C. O. Baldwin, who has had charge of this case for some time, undoubtedly knew what he was doing when he allowed this case to be dismissed. So far as the actual dismissal is concerned, it was not so much on account of the absence of the witness Pavian as because the state would be forced to show its hand at the present time in disclosing graver facts that conspiracy existed. This was not deemed advisable at this time. I have not, nor have the St. Louis county officials, the slightest doubt of the position taken, and we can easily afford to wait a few months, if necessary, but let it not be understood that the case has, by any means, been dropped."