

HOLD THREE FOR, COPPER ROBBERY

George Robertson and Joseph Regali Held for Grand Jury
After Hearing.

ZALK CHIEF WITNESS FOR
STATE; TELLS OF THEFT

Claims to Have Paid Men \$300 for
\$40,000 Plates—Released
on \$2,500 Bail.

The examination in municipal court yesterday of George K. Robertson and Joseph Regali, Northern Pacific switchmen arrested last Monday afternoon charged with grand larceny in the first degree in connection with stealing about \$40,000 worth of copper anode plates from a freight car more than a year ago, resulted in their being held for the January grand jury.

Bail for each was set by the district court at \$2,500 and the men were released when bonds were supplied. John H. Norton appeared for the men and Harry F. White, third assistant county attorney, conducted the prosecution.

Zalk Chief Witness.

The principal witness for the state was Zigmund Zalk, who is himself out on \$2,500 bail on a grand larceny charge after waiving examination in municipal court the day after his arrest.

Other witnesses for the state were Earl Manke, James Smith, Dan McLennan, James Desanti and William McVeagh, checkers for the Northern Pacific railroad, who testified that the carload of copper anode plates disappeared from the Garfield avenue yards the night of Nov. 4, 1913, and was found the next day near Fifth avenue West with 32 of the plates missing.

Zalk's testimony was to the effect that Robertson and Regali came to him and asked him to buy some copper which they had. He agreed and the car was backed into the yard of the Duluth Iron & Metal company after dark Nov. 4, he said.

Claims He Paid Men.

The plates were unloaded and hidden under a pile of iron in the yard. Zalk gave the two men \$200 the night the copper was unloaded, he testified, and a day or two afterward he gave each of them an additional \$50, he said.

The copper plates laid in the yard until a few weeks ago, when Zalk started to cut them up at night in preparation for selling the metal. This aroused the suspicion of a watchman at the yard, who reported the fact to officers of the Duluth Iron & Metal company.

Northern Pacific officials were notified at once, and an investigation brought a statement concerning the affair from Zigmund Zalk, resulting in the arrest of the three men.