

ROBERTSON CASE CROWDS COURT

**Zalk Alleges That He Paid Man
Accused of Theft for Stolen
Copper Anodes.**

**CODEFENDANT WITNESS
TELLS OF CAR ROBBERY**

**State to Introduce More Wit-
nesses—Defense Expected
to Open Today.**

District Judge Hughes' courtroom was crowded yesterday afternoon by persons interested in the case of George K. Robertson, accused of complicity in the theft of \$3,000 worth of copper anodes from a Great Northern box car. Zigmund Zalk, foreman of the Duluth, Iron & Metal company, testifying for the state, told of alleged payments he had made for the plates to Robertson and to Joseph Regali, a switchman.

Examined by County Attorney Greene, Zalk testified he gave Robertson \$200 shortly after the plates were removed from the car under the former's direction. He later gave Regali \$50 and a like amount to Robertson, he said.

Witnesses Lacking.

John Norton, attorney for the accused, obtained admissions that witnesses to any of the transactions in which money is alleged to have changed hands, were lacking. Norton entered objection to Zalk's testimony at the outset, charging that Zalk is a codefendant in the action and that he is named as an accomplice in an indictment now pending. The court overruled the objection.

How 31 plates, valued at \$3,000, were taken from the car, which had been left open, and placed in a hole and covered was related by Zalk. Previously, he said, Robertson had approached him seeking to dispose of copper he had. Zalk testified he rejected two offers but accepted the third.

Evidence Is Read.

At the morning session evidence previously submitted was read by George P. Stillman, court reporter. The testimony was that given at Robertson's first trial by T. A. McGuire, Patrick Walsh and Michael Linahan, employees of the Anaconda Copper Mining company.

The state will introduce several witnesses this morning. It is expected that the state's evidence will be submitted in full, permitting the defense to open its case before adjournment today.