

404 JOEL SKIDMORE, sworn :

*Direct examination by MR. DAILEY—*

Q. What is your business at present?

405 A. Attached to the Supreme Court Circuit; I am a little over sixty and reside at Canarsie, Flatlands; in my early life I followed the bay and was familiar with Rockaway Beach and Inlet; I knew a place called "Old Gut" in my younger days; I have not been there lately; I have been up as far as the hills, I guess, shoving over it, you know; I think it is about fifty or seventy-five yards across the ocean; at that time I went up in small boats; I was engaged in shoving over, gunning, one thing and another; I know where Block House Point is.

Q. How about the growth of trees? Are there any trees? Are there any trees growing on the hills on each side?

406 A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is the growth of trees on each side different from what it is right in the bed of the "Old Gut?"

A. No, there ain't any there.

Q. What age are those trees on each side, should you judge, or what size rather.

A. Well, I have not been there in a long time; I suppose it is eight or ten years since I have been there; my business calls me another way.

407 ALFRED H. MONROE, sworn.

*Direct-examination by MR. DAILEY:*

Q. Where do you reside, Mr. Monroe?

A. Jamaica; Jamaica South; I am a boatman; have been one almost all my days, ever since I was fourteen years old; I am sixty-five now; I am familiar with the location of what is called the "The Old Gut" or "Inlet;"