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## CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE

### Substantiating the Charges Against Judge Baumann, of Kenner.

The officials of Jefferson parish are forging a chain of evidence against James C. Baumann, who was recently arrested on the statement of Dennis Richards, for complicity in the shooting of Judge Long at Kenner, La.

On Tuesday Judge Long and Paul Felix hearing that Wilbert Williams, a negro in St. Charles parish, knew something of the case, visited the parish, and in a little town far back in the swamp found their man. Williams lived in an old cabin about three miles from Boutte station. Here the officers found the negro and brought him to Kenner.

Yesterday morning he was taken before Judge Estopinal, at Skidmore's old plantation, on the left bank of the river, and made the following statement, which was sworn to:

"On the 28th day of September, 1892, personally came and appeared before me one Wilbert Williams, who, being duly sworn, makes the following statement, to-wit:

"About three or four weeks ago I was standing on Canal street, opposite the custom-house, when some one tapped me on the shoulder and said, 'How do you do, Wilbert?' I turned around and found the person thus addressing me and recognized Mr. James C. Baumann. I told him, 'I am quite well, I thank you, sir.' I then asked Mr. Baumann where he was working, and he told me he was working at the custom-

house. Then he asked me was I still making ties. I told him, 'No sir, I am now picking moss.'

Then he said to me, 'If you see Dennis Richards tell him to keep cool and that he would send him some money to help him along.' When I went back to camp at Boutte's, in St. Charles parish, I found Richards there and delivered the message to him. At the time I did not know that Judge Long had been shot. I have known Mr. Baumann since 1867, and have always considered him a leader in politics. I have been living

at Boutte's, in the parish of St. Charles, since the Davies crevasse; I moved from Kenner there. Whenever I came to Kenner, since I have been living in St. Charles, at Boutte's, it was only at election time, and always when Mr. Baumann sent for me to come and vote. I make this statement of my own free will. I was neither forced nor paid to do so. Mr. Baumann knew that I was living at Boutte's, because he always wrote me a letter when to come and vote on election times. I have known Judge Long since childhood. But since he has grown up I never had much dealings with him, only when we met he always told me 'good morning' or 'good evening,' and passed on his way."