

1 A Visiting with Dr. King, and I was his lawyer.

2 Q You represented Dr. King?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Now, Mr. Eskridge, I am going to ask you to come  
5 down, if you will, please, sir, and let me show you a mock-  
6 up of that part of the city.

7 (Witness complies with request.)

8 Q If you will, if you will take the pointer, Mr.  
9 Eskridge, and orient yourself a little bit there.

10 Around 6:00 P.M. on that date, where were you lo-  
11 cated, sir?

12 Come around here, Mr. Eskridge, so the Jury can see  
13 what you are doing.

14 A I was standing in the courtway looking up at the  
15 door at 306, the room 306, and I would have been about here  
16 (indicating).

17 Q All right, sir, now at that time were you engaging  
18 Dr. King in conversation or anything like that, Mr. Eskridge?

19 A Well, at 6:00 o'clock he came out of the room. I  
20 was awaiting him to go to dinner and I was at the car. The  
21 driver of the car was standing in front of me. We were both  
22 on the lefthand side of the car, and Rev. Andrew Young was  
23 on the righthand side of the car.

24 At any moment we were expecting Dr. King to come

1 from the room. He opened the door and came out one time and  
2 he said something about, "Tell Jesse we are ready to go."

3 He went back in to put in his shirttail and a few  
4 minutes later he came out with his coat on and he put his  
5 coat on and put his hand on the rail and leaned over the  
6 rail and said, "Okay, start the car."

7 Whereupon, the sound came from my right ear and  
8 said, "Zing!"

9 And I looked to my left rear to see what it was.  
10 And I turned back and looked and he was laying on his back.

11 Q Mr. Eskridge, when you turned to your left, did you  
12 look back over towards a rooming house there shown on the  
13 mock-up?

14 A I did.

15 Q Did you see anybody moving about over there at that  
16 time?

17 A I did not.

18 Q All right, now, when you turned back, you saw Dr.  
19 King, he was sprawled out on the balcony; is that right?

20 A That's right.

21 Q Did you go to the hospital with Dr. King?

22 A I did.

23 Q And at that time were you informed that he was dead?

24 A I was.