

business was along there, and they gave me a terse answer, 'None of your damn business,' or something to that effect. I started to search one, and immediately the other whipped out a gun and fired at me, point blank. I dodged and turned to one side but I think it was the second bullet struck me and I fell. I tried to get out my revolver and fire, but the shock left me so weak I couldn't make a move. I called for help."

Switchmen at work in the yards ran to the scene of the firing and immediately notified the police. The ambulance and a wagon load of officers under direction of Captain Grady, who was one of the first men on the scene, arrived in a few minutes and immediately a dragnet search was instituted.

A car clerk at the Missouri Pacific car office near Santa Fe avenue, some 200 yards from the shooting, told the officers that upon hearing the shooting he seized his revolver, and ran to the tracks to see what was doing. The two men ran east, past him, one carrying a revolver in his right hand, but apparently the clerk's bravery failed him, and rather than attempting to intercept the men, he stood silently and watched them disappear down along the right bank of the river.

Mr. Gray was conscious all the time, and gave what description he could, but on account of the darkness, he could only describe the men as a tall and one exceptionally short one, probably not more than five feet four inches in height and Americans.

Captain Grady gave the order to the men to bring in all hoboes they found in any part of the city and a variegated array of sons of rest were garnered into police headquarters throughout the night, but none upon whom the police have any definite evidence of being connected with the shooting.

That the men are members of an organized gang of car thieves is the supposition of the police and the railroad special agents. Shortly after the shooting, yardmen found that a carload of merchandise about fifty yards from where the shooting took place, had been burglarized and much of the contents stolen, also a carload of potatoes had been broken open, presumably by mistake, for the contents had not been disturbed. The readiness of the two men to shoot is explained by the car robbery for undoubtedly they thought the officer had the goods on them for the theft, and was about to arrest them on that charge.

So bold have the car robbers grown that Mr. Gray only a few months ago was employed by the railroad to watch the cars on the spur track between the Missouri Pacific and Rio Grande yards, where most of the robberies had taken place. It was at the Rio Grande end of this track in the Walker yards that the shooting took place.

"The railroads here and at Colorado Springs have been troubled for several weeks by an organized gang of car robbers who came from Kansas City," said Special Agent Lynch last night. "I believe there originally was as many as eighteen in the gang. We had a man in jail the other day who was one of the gang. He gave us considerable information about its operations