

# NEGRO MUST WEAR MEN'S CLOTHING

Richard Watson, negro female impersonator, made his second appearance before the recorder yesterday morning and the judge decreed that he should wear men's clothing and do light work around the city prison for 30 days or pay a fine of \$100 on a charge of disorderly conduct. Watson was attired in white dress, white shoes, black stockings and a white cap when he stood before the judge. A physician testified that Watson had the mentality of a ten year old child and expressed the opinion that his desire to wear woman's clothing was brought about by environment and habits.

Watson was arrested last Friday night on the 1200 block of Blanding street by city detectives and when hands were laid on him he shouted in a feminine tone, "You frighten me." The expression failed to alarm the officers and the negro was sent to jail. It developed that Watson had been working in and around the homes of Columbians for some time but no one had detected his disguise. He was known as Rachael Watson. Witnesses said the negro was far above the average cook and housekeeper and always behaved himself. When arrested Watson was walking on the street alone. A negro woman met the negro and later told police that Watson was a "funny woman."

The negro came to this state from Danville, Va., and has worked in a number of towns in South Carolina.