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**MOB AT CARBONDALE
BENT ON A LYNCHING**

**Hundreds of Men in Illinois Town
Threaten Summary Punishment
to Negro Assailant of a
White Child.**

[SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-HERALD.]

CARBONDALE, Ill., Oct. 28.—A crowd of fully 200 excited citizens surround the courthouse clamoring for the life of Tom Moberly, a negro, who to-day assaulted 13-year-old Grace Short, daughter of an Illinois Central truckman, who resides just outside the city.

Moberly was arrested as he was attempting to take a train out of the city. He was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Claxton at sundown and held to the grand jury. A vicious attack was made on Moberly by the crowd in the courtroom while the examination was in progress, and he was given three bad cuts in the face. He was only saved from lynching by the authorities.

Deputy Sheriff C. H. Rogers arrived from the county seat at 8 o'clock and took charge of the prisoner, who is nearly collapsed with fear. The throng of white men blocks the streets about the courthouse, while small groups of negroes are gathered in the vicinity, threatening vengeance on men who lynch Moberly.

Moberly is in the courtroom guarded by officers, who hope to smuggle him out of town before daylight.

The child was seriously injured.