

CHICAGO—Judge Kennesaw M. Landis told the Advertising Men’s Post of the American Legion Monday night [Dec. 29, 1919] that if he had his way, Victory L. Berger would have been lined up against a wall and shot.

This is the judge who refused Berger a change of venue for his trial a year ago, and insisted upon trying the case himself, claiming he was entirely unprejudiced.

Landis also declared that Berger’s platform in the recent campaign was that he was 100% German. The fact that this was untrue, and that even his auditors must have known it, did not appear to disturb the judge. Here is what he said:

“It was my great displeasure to give Berger 20 years in Ft. Leavenworth. I regretted it exceedingly because I believe the laws of this country should have enabled me to have Berger lined up against a wall and shot.

“The district that voted to re-elect Berger ought to get out of this democracy and back in their monarchy. Berger’s platform was that he was 100% German and on that basis he was re-elected. Watch the vote in Congress for his reinstatement and let those fellows who uphold him know how we feel about it.”