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That body declined to pay until the job had been finished, whereupon Mr. Bannigan, in manifest disgust, declared himself a man to be trusted, and flatly refused to proceed under his contract until his very reasonable request for a slight advance had been complied with. Here was a lock. The sheriff was ordered to go on with the execution, but Mr. Bannigan set up the legal point that he was the contractor for the post-holes and obtained an injunction restraining the sheriff from interfering with his privileges.

When this matter came into court it attracted even more attention than did the trial for murder. Popular opinion was heavily on the side of Bannigan, but the constituted authorities refused to recede from their position and the sheriff bound hand and foot by the injunction, calmly declined to go on with the execution. Before the matter was settled the day fixed for carrying out the mandate of the law had passed and it was necessary to re-sentence Bannigan before he could be legally hung. By this time there was a revulsion of feeling in his favor, and when his motion for a new trial was argued there was not a dissenting voice among the auditory, whom the judge felt it was wise to consult before rendering his own decision. The case was never retried, and the indictment was hanging over Bannigan's head when he died.—Drake's Traveler's Magazine.