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CHICAGO, March 20.—After eighty-one hours of deliberation the jury in the "furniture trust" case was still locked up in Federal Judge George A. Carpenter's court tonight. Their delay in making a report suggested that the veniremen were deadlocked.

Judge Carpenter announced he would be in Court tomorrow morning to receive the verdict or, what was considered more likely, a report that the jury is unable to agree upon a verdict. Should a decision be reached before tomorrow morning the bailiffs will seal it until the judge takes the bench at the regular Court hour.

The wrangling of the jury was so loud during the day that Judge Carpenter ordered the entire sixth floor of the Federal Building cleared to give the deliberations the privacy required by law.

The case, considered the most important to merchandising heard in many years, went to the jury Friday noon after being on trial since Jan. 11. The indictments charge a combination in restraint of trade and the defendants are forty-six corporations and thirty-two individuals engaged in the manufacture of furniture.