

## **Flehinger Clip 2 Transcript**

BRETT FLEHINGER: So let me go to where we are and that's John Scopes. So John Scopes was a relatively obscure teacher in a relatively obscure town in Tennessee, Dayton. He was arrested for teaching from the state textbook on natural selection in violation of the Butler law.

And the Butler law prohibited the teaching of evolution in the public schools in Tennessee. In my notes, it says "volution," but I'm pretty certain that's "evolution." So we'll just go with that.

Anyone know the ironies of this prosecution? So he gets arrested. Anyone know some of the ironies-- this is not a simple trial. This is not like Jesse shoplifts candy. And you have a quick trial. And we know why Jesse can't shoplift candy. Jesse, stop.

Anyone know the ironies and complications of this? There's a lot of-- I know, this is one of the easier things to teach, because people usually come in with some backdrop on it. Yeah, August?

AUGUST: Darrow had--

BRETT FLEHINGER: Oh, can you take the microphone?

AUGUST: He had been recruited for this purpose. He wasn't really a biology teacher full-time. He was a gym teacher, who sometimes filled in if they didn't have a teacher because school wasn't real. I think it was partially because of that, that he didn't have to have any reputation as a science teacher. He could ruin his reputation and be fine and go back to teaching gym.

BRETT FLEHINGER: And in fact, Scopes is interested in being a test case. Scopes is interested in challenging the law. It presumably, if we go back to my knowledge of Jesse shoplifting, Jesse's not there to test shoplifting laws.

She's there to get Good & Plentys or M&M-- what would you be shoplifting, Jesse? What candy? We don't have to have this on the microphone. We'll be OK on that.

JESSE: Yeah, I want it on record for Twix.

BRETT FLEHINGER: Twix? OK, so Jesse would be shoplifting Twix. OK, yeah. Jesse's trying to avoid the law. Scopes wants to get caught, which means he pretty much wants to go on trial. He's going to need to get convicted.