

ROOSEVELT IN COURT TO SEE NEW CITIZENS

Joins the Judge in Asking the
Applicants Questions About
Their Intentions.

ADDRESSES THOSE ADMITTED

Traitors to United States, He Tells
Them, if They Ever Take Money
for Their Votes.

Theodore Roosevelt sat on the bench in the United States District Court in the Brooklyn Federal Building yesterday beside Judge Van Vechten Veeder and took a share in the questioning of about forty aliens who desired to be citizens. After some of them had taken the oath the Colonel made a little talk on the duties of citizenship.

Some time ago the ex-President told United States District Attorney William J. Youngs that he had never seen naturalization proceedings. He was invited to come to Brooklyn, and yesterday appeared in his automobile in company with Mrs. Roosevelt, who stayed outside

in the machine reading a magazine until the Colonel joined her after his visit.

A group of fifteen applicants was before the rail when Col. Roosevelt entered. Many of them did not know the man who took a seat next the Judge and asked them questions. When the Justice mentioned his name some of them seemed excited with interest.

The ex-President asked them about their understanding of the law and the Constitution, and about their business affairs and lives. He asked many of them whether they belonged to social or political clubs, and what their reasons for wishing to become citizens were.

After about a dozen applications had been registered the men were seated in the jury box and the oath administered. The Colonel said to them:

"I want to say just one word to you who are becoming citizens," said he. "You have taken an oath to obey the Constitution and the laws. Now I want

you to remember that if you do any wrong, if you take any bribes, if you ever vote for money, if you are guilty of any violence against the law, you have committed perjury and have been guilty of treason to the United States of America.

"You are yourselves part of the United States. In your old homes the sovereign was the nation. Here you are part of the Nation and part of the sovereign."

To one of the men who had said he wanted to be a citizen so as to get his rights the Colonel said he should be just as ready to do his duty as to know his rights.

"That's an impressive sight," said the Colonel, as he was going out, bowing and tipping his hat to the applause that followed him.

Down stairs the Roosevelt machine had been the centre of attraction for a large crowd that had seen the Colonel enter the building and had been waiting for him to come out. The machine departed amid cheers.