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Excerpts from:

Clarence Darrow, *The Story of My Life* (1932)

Irving Stone, *Clarence Darrow for the Defense* (1941)

Geoffrey Cowan, *The People v Clarence Darrow: The Bribery Trial of America's Greatest Lawyer* (1993)

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Preface

In an effort to gain a variety of perspectives on the same events, you will be reading portions of Clarence Darrow's autobiography, *The Story of My Life*, at the same time that you will also be reading excerpts from a sympathetic biography by Irving Stone, *Clarence Darrow for the Defense* (1941) and a more critical account, Geoffrey Cowan, *The People v Clarence Darrow: The Bribery Trial of America's Greatest Lawyer* (1993). This Case Study focuses primarily on the trial of the McNamara brothers in Los Angeles in 1911 (prior to Darrow's most famous cases such as the Scopes "Monkey Trial," the successful defense of Ossian Sweet (an African-American doctor who attempted to integrate an all-white neighborhood in Detroit and was charged with murder for the defense of his home from a mob) and the Leopold & Loeb "thrill murder" case). The bribery trial of Darrow himself referenced in the title of Cowan's book took place after the McNamara case concluded (based on allegations that Darrow attempted to bribe the McNamara jury) and is not part of our Case Study.