

# Fleming Loses Appeal to U. S. High Court

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**CLEVELAND, Oct. 24.**—Thomas W. Fleming, former councilman and powerful Republican leader in the 11th ward, must serve his sentence of two years and nine months for accepting a bribe of \$200 from Walter L. Oehme (white), deceased, disabled former city detective, two years ago, as a result of a decision handed down Monday by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes of the United States supreme court in Washington.

Justice Hughes denied Fleming's application for a writ of certiorari to the Ohio supreme court through his counsel, Attorney Alexander H. Martin of this city.

The supreme court, in making the ruling, sets forth no reasons for its decision. The only resource now for

Fleming to pursue is to seek a pardon from Governor Cooper. The pardon is doubtful at this time because of the pending election which would place the governor in a very delicate position and would elicit him unlimited criticism in his campaign for re-election.

Attorney Martin, who is a candidate for common pleas judge, has not yet announced his next step to save his client from the penitentiary, but being one of the cleverest men of the Cleveland bar, another strategic coup is expected any time in an effort to save Councilman Fleming from prison.

From the time that he took the case, about May 1st from Attorney George Spooner (white) up until the case was filed before the United States supreme court, Attorney Martin had beaten County Prosecutor Ray T. Miller in every move.

Mr. Fleming's loyal friends are anxiously awaiting his return from a vacation trip to Kentucky with his friend, Joe Hedges. They are ready to offer him financial as well as moral aid and sympathy.