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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT TO UNVEIL HISTORIC EXHIBIT  
COMMEMORATING 1932 TRIAL OF OMAHA POLITICAL BOSS TOM DENNISON**

On Friday, October 25, 2013, Nebraska's federal court will unveil a new permanent exhibit commemorating the historic trial of Omaha's infamous political boss, Tom Dennison. In 1932, Dennison was indicted, along with 58 alleged co-conspirators, for violations of the National Prohibition Act. The charges led to a two-month jury trial before U.S. District Judge Joseph Woodrough. The trial brought national attention to the methods used by criminal syndicates of that era to promote bootlegging, gambling, prostitution, money-laundering, extortion, election fraud, jury-rigging, bribery, and political corruption.

Orville Menard, retired UN-O Professor of Political Science, will speak. In the 1980s, Professor Menard interviewed many individuals who participated in the trial or had other first-hand knowledge of Dennison's notorious reign of power during the first third of the last century. Professor Menard is the author of a book chronicling Dennison's rise, his enigmatic influence, and his prosecution. A new edition of the book, titled "River City Empire," is scheduled for release this November by the University of Nebraska Press.

Professor Menard's remarks will begin at 1:15 p.m., followed by the unveiling of the exhibit, and light refreshments provided by Nebraska's Federal Practice Committee. The events are open to the public, on the fourth floor of the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse at 111 South 18<sup>th</sup> Plaza. The exhibit will be displayed permanently on the first floor of the courthouse, joining a similar historic exhibit commemorating the 1879 trial of Ponca Chief Standing Bear.

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