found on page 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1933, I am quite certain you can summons the judge and the prosecuting attorney before your board and require them to give testimony in relation to any case pending therein.

OIL INSPECTION, DEPARTMENT OF: Whether chief clerk may collect fees.

May 24, 1933.

Mr. Lytle J. Freehafer,
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Oil Inspection Department,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:
I have your letter as follows:

“The department of audit and control contemplates making all collections of inspection fees from the oil companies rather than have each inspector collect for his inspections. Referring to section 4 of the State Oil Inspection Act of 1919, page 9, we respectfully request the following opinion:

“If all fees are collected by the chief clerk at the central office, may the law be interpreted to allow the salary and expenses of inspectors (even though they do not receive the remittances of all companies themselves)?”

I do not think there is any objection to the plan suggested by your question, that the chief clerk collect all fees at the central office. The law provides that the monthly compensation and expenses of oil inspectors shall not exceed the total of all fees for inspections made by the inspector during the month for which the compensation and expenses are paid and you will be limited in your payments of salary and expenses as above indicated. This fact, however, does not make impossible the collection of fees by the chief clerk at the central office.

I think the whole question resolves itself into the question of bookkeeping rather than a legal question.