

Two TRAVELERS stare and point at Johnson's lifeless body from across the river.

JAMES BLAIN (O.S.)

I speculate that many more have met this same fate at the hands of the Harpe brothers, but of them we may never know.

INT. JAMES BLAIN'S OFFICE

A sign on door reads 'Attorney General'. Ballenger sits across from Blain, listening, troubled.

JAMES BLAIN

The killing of Johnson has awakened a blood lust in these men and now not only the citizens of Tennessee and Kentucky live in fear of them, but settlers in all sections of the middle west are rightly alarmed.

He leans forward, ready to deliver his orders.

JAMES BLAIN

Captain Ballenger, these barbarous outrages must cease, and these men must be brought to justice as a matter of great urgency.

CAPT. BALLENGER

I agree wholeheartedly, Mr. Blain.

JAMES BLAIN

Then take as many men as are willing on the promise of being suitably recompensed for the apprehending of these villains, then go and hunt them down.

Ballenger stands, obedient.

JAMES BLAIN

And Ballenger... act swiftly before their trail grows cold.

CAPT. BALLENGER

Yes, sir. I'll acquire men and provisions and depart post-haste.