

BRUTAL ASSAULT OF NATIVES ALLEGED

Station Manager Charged

OODNADATTA, Tuesday.

The hearing of seven charges against Rex Lowe, station manager, of Mt. Dare, Central Australia, began to-day.

It is alleged that he chained aborigines by the neck for four days and to have hit one with a chain and a revolver.

The Crown Prosecutor said that Lowe had brutally ill-treated six natives sent from Port Augusta under arrangement with the police. They worked for him for six months and did not receive any pay, Lowe claiming that they received more in clothes than they had earned. The natives asked for money and, when this was refused, left. They were caught, chained up by the necks without food and water for one day, given bread and water on three other days, and given no blankets at night.

The hearing was adjourned.