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WASHINGTON----Senator Davis is showing great physical and mental strain under his troubles. He has become absent-minded and moody. One moment he is pugnacious and talks about "socking" this person and that one "in the nose", and the next he is covering himself with self-pity and commiseration. He talks incessantly about "Mellon persecution".

Some senators who have talked with him recently fear he will have a break-down. They relate of telephone calls they have received from him in which he has talked to them about matters as if he had previously discussed them with them. Several newspapermen have had the same experience.

No new information has been forthcoming in the confidential report that he is facing indictment in Pittsburg on industrial alcohol diversion charges.