Illinois. In another case the mayor of Northlake was also convicted. Marshall Caifano, long a crime syndicate big-wig, and three others were sentenced to prison for using forged and counterfeit stock certificates as collateral in a scheme involving interstate fraud. At the time of this conviction, Caifano was already under a ten-year Federal prison sentence for an extortion plot that had its inception in a Nevada gambling casino. James (Cowboy) Mirro, gambling boss of Chicago's west side and southwest suburbs, Frank Santucci, Ernest (Rocky) Infelice, and Americo DePietto, all powerful crime syndicate figures, as well as criminal defense lawyer Robert J. McDonnell, have received prison sentences for an interstate conspiracy to pass money orders stolen in a burglary of a supermarket. DiPietto was also one of several individuals involved in a huge narcotics ring and was serving a twenty-year Federal prison term at the time he was convicted in the money order conspiracy.

Rocky Infelice and seventeen other defendants, many of whom were important in the crime syndicate's gambling empire, were indicted in connection with interstate hijacking conspiracies in which silver bars, silver, silver alloy, rare bullion and photographic equipment worth several hundred thousand dollars were stolen. Sixteen of the eighteen defendants were convicted and received stiff prison sentences. Two other crime syndicate hoodlums involved in these hijacking conspiracies were Guy Mendola, Jr. and Angelo Boscarino who were killed in gangland warfare before the trials. Milwaukee Phil Alderisio, one of Chicago's most vicious crime syndicate leaders, and his pals from Las Vegas gambling casinos, Ruby Kolod and Israel (Ice Pick Willie) Alderman, are under prison sentences for extortion from a disbarred Denver attorney. James (The Monk) Allegretti, near north side vice lord, and three associates, all important crime syndicate characters, were sentenced to prison in connection with a large interstate whiskey hijacking. The stolen liquor was delivered to several crime syndicate night clubs operated by these individuals. The criminal defense lawyer who represented this group was subsequently convicted of an income tax violation. Rocco Potenzo, powerful suburban crime syndicate boss, was convicted of filing false and fraudulent tax returns regarding the ownership of two night clubs. Gang leader Tony Accardo's pal Anthony Pinelli, was convicted of income tax evasion. Another Accardo associate, Dr. Giulio Bruni, physician and founder of a hospital in Northlake, is serving a Federal prison term after he was found guilty of involvement in a three million dollar counterfeiting plot.

Other individuals with crime syndicate affiliations have been convicted of business frauds including violations of the National Bankruptcy Act. Numerous others are awaiting trials in Federal indictments returned against them. And in the local courts the leaders of a vicious crime syndicate loan sharking ring, Willie Messino, George Bravos and Joseph Lombardi, were convicted and sentenced to long prison terms.

The evidence produced at the trials of those convicted in Chicago emphasizes that organized crime is not composed of individuals set apart from the general criminal population. Members of Chicago's crime syndicate who have waxed fat in the gambling and vice rackets are also strongarm men, hijackers, extortionists, armed robbers, kidnappers, forgers, counterfeiters, burglars, tax evaders, loan sharks and dealers in narcotics. And important to their underworld activities were lawyers and politicians and even a physician who were convicted with them for implication in their varied illicit activities.

Gambling is always a principal source of revenue to organized crime, and closely related to the gambling racket is the loan shark business. Invariably hanging around gambling establishments are crime syndicate money lenders who offer their services to over-enthusiastic patrons who become indebted to the gambling house proprietor. The distressed patron finds it necessary to borrow from the loan shark to pay his debt to the crime syndicate gambling establishment or to raise funds with which to continue gambling. Of course, the interest rate is exorbitant and if the loan and interest are not paid at the designated time the borrower faces physical violence, torture and sometimes death.

With vast profits accruing to the crime syndicate, primarily from gambling, almost unlimited funds are available for loans to those whose credit rating is shaky. Testimony at public hearings in New York revealed that 121 of high echelon members of five recognized criminal syndicates operating in that area were engaged in the loan shark racket. The connections between bookmaking and the narcotics racket with loan sharking were clearly documented. Steerers for the loan sharks included doormen, elevator operators, bartenders, hat check girls, cab drivers and cigar stand operators. They received a small fee for referring prospective borrowers to the loan sharks. It was established that stockbrokers who became