BIRMINGHAM—The question of bus and streetcar conductors carrying weapons was highlighted again last week when three passengers on a street car were shot, one seriously, by a conductor.

City Detective R. A. MacMurdo said the men were shot by Conductor M. A. Weeks in the Jim Crow section of the car.

The wounded men are Samuel Lee Williams, 34, of 133 16th ave., shot in the abdomen; Amos Crosby, 24, of 108 Fourth ave. S.W., shot in the leg, and John Garlington, 21, of 40 Fourth avenue, S. wounded in the hip.

Police quoted Weeks as saying Williams objected to going to the rear of the car, and that Williams began to curse after sitting down in the Jim Crow section.

The conductor told police he went to the rear of the car to “silence” Williams and the passenger grabbed his gun. In a struggle, Weeks said he drew his gun and “emptied it.”

Witnesses told a different story. They said Williams was only muttering, but he did not seize Weeks’ arm until after the conductor had drawn his revolver.

Records in the sheriff’s office showed that Weeks’ permit to carry a pistol expired almost 11 years ago. Detective Captain Charles Pierce said that both Weeks and Williams would be charged with assault with intent to murder.