

between his two bodyguards. His services were held at Holy Family Church where 8,000 men, woman, and children turned out in a blizzard of rain and sleet. Diamond Joe was laid in a silver and bronze casket costing several thousand dollars. A 300-car procession made its way to Mount Carmel cemetery where he was placed in a vault.

It was at this time in 1918 that Fosco threw his hat into the shark bowl known as Chicago politics and ran as a Republican candidate for state legislature. August Lueders, who was president of the board of election commissioners in 1920, disbarred Peter Fosco from having his name printed on the ballot, because he was a follower of "Diamond Joe" Esposito. When it was announced, an angry crowd of Fosco followers mobbed Lueders at city hall threatening him with violence. August had to flee to his office and barricade his door as the angry mob tried to break it down. It was the second time that day police had to clear city hall of Fosco supporters. Earlier in the day, a hearing was being conducted on Fosco's petition. Edward J. Smejkal, who had defeated Peter Fosco for the Republican nomination, claimed 93 of the 200 signatures on Fosco's petition were illegal.

After his failed run for a political seat, his union boss Joey D'Andrea was killed in a fight over construction contracts. As he left union hall, he was shot with poisoned bullets from a saw-off shotgun. Anthony D'Andrea took over as president of local 2 and a delegate of the Chicago Building Trades council. Anthony also became president of the Macaroni Manufacturers' Association and eventually the powerful Unione Siciliana. D'Andrea held the Tunnel Miners post for a short time until Peter Fosco was given the position. Once again, in 1921 Anthony D'Andrea ran to overthrow John Powers for his 19<sup>th</sup> Ward seat. Dirty play in the election consisted of a bomb blowing up Powers' front porch. D'Andrea was arrested at the Italian-American Educational club on Taylor Street. He was charged with gambling, carrying a concealed weapon, and exploding a bomb in a D'Andrea political meeting. Three hundred people were crowded into D'Andrea headquarters when the bomb exploded. Wounded in the explosion were some of D'Andrea's precinct captains. Those injured were Louis Battaglia and Victor "Little Man" Torteriello; both