



BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH

May 11th, 1923.

Hon. Harvey H. Cluff,  
Attorney General,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your notice of application of Lawrence Johnson, one of our County prisoners, for pardon at your next meeting of the State Board of Pardons.

For your information, I beg to inform your Honorable Board that Mr. Johnson was arrested on a charge of burglary; that after due consideration, we decided to reduce the charge to Petit Larceny, feeling that on account of his age, which is twenty years, it would be better to give him an opportunity to make good without having the brand of a felon stamped upon him, therefore, he was given a term of five months in our County jail.

About a year ago, Mr. Johnson was arrested on a charge of issuing bad checks and was given a small fine of \$25.00. after his promise to the Court that he would mend his ways, and instead of his making good, he has turned out to be a burglar and we feel that if his application is given favorable consideration, it will be useless for us to make any attempt at all to even consider the future good of people whom we have occasion to arrest on felony charges and it will make it necessary for us to prefer the original charge and send them to the State Prison, if we expect to serve notice on the law breaker that such actions will not be tolerated.

While ~~we~~ do not want to be understood as being vicious in this or any other matter, yet we feel that our judgment should be considered as being of some worth and inasmuch as we are endeavoring to do that which we feel would be the best for all concerned, we only ask for the support of the law abiding citizens in return.

I am advised that our former U. S. Congressman, the Honorable Milton H. Welling, will appear before your Board in behalf of Mr. Johnson, and because of his prominence, I feel that he will have special attention paid to his remarks, and am surprised at the sudden change of heart of Mr. Welling, as it has been but a short time since I talked to him personally and at that time, he felt that we had done the right thing in the matter and said that it would tend to put a stop to a number of petit things which had been going on ~~in~~ his community.

I am also advised that some great stress is likely to be made as to the poor health of Mr. Johnson; the facts are that