

Washington Aug. 28, 1923.  
The Hon. Harry E. Cluff

Dear Sir:-

While going to Enterprise I passed the State Road Camp and saw most of the men I had worked with while the camp was at Virgin City. It seems that most of them are coming before the Board in September and some of them, namely the following asked me to write a letter of recommendation to you for them.

Ralph Ross

Tory Jeunesse

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say a word in behalf of Mc Nair and Lamp and Dave Hoge.

Now Mr. Cluff, I have ideas that may seem peculiar to some people, but it seems to me that the end, or purpose of law is not punishment, but reform. I realize that law would be of no consequence without punishment, but the ultimate end and purpose of it all is to reform, lift up and to save. Of course this kind of philosophy does not apply only to those who have a spark of honor and real manhood left in them

Leo Revis <sup>2</sup>

Guadalupe Ruiz

I know nothing of these men's conduct while at Enterprise, but I can truthfully say that they were all good workers while at the road camp at Virgin City. They never refused to do what I asked them to do and were always more than willing to comply with my wishes as supervisor of the road work.

I never had any trouble with any of them.

Now I would like to

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but these men are not a menace to society, but in many ways would be a help to society if they were out, and it is not improving them by holding them there, therefore it seems to me that if the ends of the law are to be attained in this case, it will be necessary to show mercy; and it is hard to strain the element of mercy. But mercy must claim its own some time.

Well, pardon me for taking up so much of your valuable time, and I hope I have not said any thing to hurt