

Richfield, Utah,  
Jan. 9th, 1924.

To the Honorable  
State Board of Pardons,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

We the undersigned Citizens and Residents of Sevier County, and other Counties within the State of Utah, hereby petition your Honorable Body for the parole of Herschel Akers, who was convicted, upon a plea of guilty to the charge of forgery in the District Court of Sevier County, State of Utah, on the 20th day of December, 1923, and thereupon was sentenced by the Judge to the State Prison for an indeterminate term of not less than one year or more than twenty years.

In support of our petition we hereby set forth that from information which we have received from reliable sources, the defendant is a young man age 22 years and his residence we understand is in Rockville, Indiana. And that he comes from a very good family. He has labored for a period of about two years or more in recent times for prominent people in Wayne County, Utah, among whom is one Leo Bowns who resides in Provo, Utah, but has a ranch in Wayne County. And it appears that he has always <sup>been</sup> considered and proved himself to be a very honest, industrious, and efficient young man. It appears that he has never been arrested before and that in this case the facts were that he had issued a fictitious check for the sum of \$5.00 dollars which he uttered at the Southern Hotel at Richfield, Utah, and from his demeanor and answers to questions in the District Court it appears that he did not and had not at the time of the issuing of the check understood or comprehended the seriousness of the offense.

Mr. Anthony Soyka of the Southern Hotel, we are informed, is very much in favor of the young man being paroled at an early date. And feels that the punishment is entirely too severe in this case considering the actual facts and circumstances in the case.