

Butte, Montana,
October 20, 1924.

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

Gentlemen:

I am advised that Fred Callender, heretofore convicted of grand larceny at Ogden, Utah, is about to apply for a pardon. I was the complaining witness against him, and as such earnestly request that his petition be granted immediately.

I first met Mr. Callender at Casper, Wyoming, and later met him and his wife in Cheyenne. At that time I intended going to Ogden, and Callender and his wife were anxious to go to their home in California. A few days later we traveled together as far as Rawlins, Wyoming, where we stopped for a short time, and then we came on to Ogden together, arriving there about six-thirty on the morning of March 22nd of this year. We all went to the New Healy Hotel where we took adjoining rooms with a bathroom between. Shortly after my arrival, I went up town and a little later secured some liquor and began drinking, and continued to drink up until sometime that evening. I became very intoxicated, and I know that I continued drinking up until about eight o'clock, and just what happened after that was pretty vague to me. During the afternoon and evening Callender was with me and drinking with me, and I know that about eight o'clock that evening we went to our rooms, and as above stated, after that things were very vague to me. I remember I bought a suit of clothes that afternoon, but I don't remember when or where I changed my clothes. I know that I had about eighteen twenty dollar bills that morning. I paid for the suit of clothes out of the money, but I do not remember counting the money after that time. Mr. Callender and his wife, I know, were intending to leave Ogden and go on to California, but I did not know just when they intended leaving.

I have gambled with cards a good many times, and Callender claims that we played cards at the rooms that night, and that he won my money from me and the new suit of clothes. I have no recollection of playing cards with him on account of my being so drunk. Later when I recovered myself, and found that Callender and his wife had gone, I accused him of wrongfully taking my money. My relations had been pleasant with Callender before, and we had had no trouble, and I have no reason to believe that he did this because of anything that happened before that time, and while I felt that I did right in the matter, it is possible that I might be mistaken, and for that reason I feel that under any circumstances, in view of the fact that we were drinking together, and had been traveling together as we did, that he has suffered