

commit is inexorable, that you have got to pay the penalty. I want you to believe too, that the court and the Board of Pardons and the prosecuting officers are interested in you just the same, and that they want to see you come out of there and live a good life afterwards. Can I have your assurance that you will do that in case I make a light recommendation?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes sir.

MR. JOHNSON: If the court please, may I interrupt?

THE COURT: You may.

MR. JOHNSON: I would recommend, your Honor, suggest to the court whenever the court makes his recommendation that the minimum sentence be given to this boy. I realize that a boy at Christmas time, practically broke, the temptation of course would be strong. However, I feel this way, your Honor, if we can keep an eye on some of these young men after they are coming out of these penal institutions can give them a helping hand and make better citizens of them, that is what I would like to see. I would like the court to extend all clemency.

THE COURT: I agree with you, Mr. Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: In this matter.

THE COURT: I think we should do whatever we can for the boys, and yet I feel too that if everyone in the country today could understand that when they commit a crime that the punishment fixed by the statute was going to be meted out to them, that there would be less crime committed.

MR. JOHNSON: I would say furthermore to Mr. McCuaig, whenever his time is up, I will be glad to extend a helping