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UTAH STATE PRISON.  
SALT LAKE CITY.  
UTAH.

Dec, 13th. 1923.

Honorable Board of Pardons.  
State Capitol Bld'g.  
City.

Dear Sirs:-

I am serving an Indeterminate sentence in the State Prison on a charge of Grand Larceny, which I am not guilty of, I have my application in for the Dec, meeting of the Pardon Board for termination of sentence. My home is in West Virginia I have no friends here or near here to appeal to for assistance so I am taking the only way I know of to obtain assistance in writing to you Gentlemen for consideration, I would like for you Gentlemen to go over the evidence given at my trial and consider the points that are in my favor, I feel shure that you will find that it would be almost impossible for me to have committed the burglary.

I beleive that if I had been given a fair trial I would have been acquitted I was appointed an Attorney who failed to show the jury the points that were in my favor I am handicapped with a deformed foot and the list of things that was given that was stolen from this house I would have been unable to carry, Mr Beckstead Chief of Detectives sent every man that works under him to look at me to see if I had ever been seen in the City at any time and none of them recognized me, I do not deny being in the City I was in Salt Lake one night Sunday night Aug, the 5th, the house was robbed the 8th, of Aug, If I had stayed in the City three days I would have been noticed by some of the Officers, My deformed foot attracts attention to me.

The man whose home was robbed testified that every indication at the house showed that there were more than one person who robbed his house he also testified that the articles that were stolen from his home would weigh from one hundred to a hundred and ten pounds, It would have been impossible for me to carry such a weight.

I was returned here from Reno Nevada with another man by the name of Harry B. Bailey when he told his story to Mr Beckstead he investigated his story and found that Bailey was in the State of California at the time the robbery was committed when I told him my story he didn't investigate it for me, I was riding a freight train between Ogden and Reno the day the robbery was committed so it would be hard for me to prove an absolute alibi I had to rely on the doubts of the case, and the Attorney failed to show the jury the points that were in my favor, I was talking to a street car conductor at Sparks Nevada on the 9th, of August I may have been able to prove an alibi by him but I had no money with which to bring him here to testify for me.