

you may make a statement about these boys.

E. O. PUFFER, called as a witness and sworn, testified as follows:

THE COURT: Your name is--

MR. PUFFER: E. O. Puffer.

THE COURT: You are a deputy sheriff?

MR. PUFFER: Yes.

THE COURT: You have had the custody of these boys since they were brought here?

MR. PUFFER: I have ever since the fifth of February.

THE COURT: I wish you would make a statement of what you think about these boys, and whether the court should make some recommendation for leniency for any of them. You may describe their conduct in the jail.

MR. PUFFER: One of the men-- I missed a knife out of the bucket I brought their dinner in. I went back to get it and they didnt have it, so I came to the conclusion-- when I went home I missed the knife and I thought I might have lost it. I asked the boys about it and they said they didnt have it. So it went on until sometime. I had another one in there by the name of James and he went away; so they got this knife and got up to the bars and was sawing it. I asked them for it and they would not give it up, so I searched for it, and I found it in this other Mexican's bed.

THE COURT: The one that was sent up yesterday?

MR. PUFFER: Yes; in his mattress. So I took the knife. The white boy, when I went to take the dinner to them he was standing with his back against the door casing that way (indicating). He was on this side, the door opened that way. When I sat down