

and amounts to grand larceny, so the district attorney says, regardless of the amount taken, and there is nothing to do but enter a plea of guilty. I so advised them when I found out the straight of the story, that they had actually taken his money. One of them says ~~that~~ he had a check from the Government. Was that as a soldier?

Defendant Meiers---Yes; as a soldier.

Mr. Allen---A check amounting to \$10.45?

Defendant Meiers---Yes, sir.

Mr. Allen---So they had some money of their own. But they did take some money from Hanck. I think, it being a small amount they took, and the fact that there was some difficulty about it---they hadn't gone out deliberately to hold up anyone---the minimum sentence would be sufficient in the case of both of them. They are only boys.

The Court---You mean, that is your plea when the court makes its recommendation?

Mr. Allen---Yes. They don't appear to be hardened criminals as in the case of one who goes out on the street and holds people up. But they got in this difficulty with Hanck and they took some money from him. I think the minimum sentence would be sufficient.

The Court---Do you wish to be heard, Mr. Rogers?

District Attorney Rogers---The State has reduced the charge from robbery to grand larceny upon the idea that these defendants were rather young and didn't bear the