

Utah State Prison.
Salt Lake City, Utah.,

March 30, 1923.

Hon. H. H. Cluff,
Attorney General,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Honorable Sir:

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that several months ago I wrote you a letter, and to date I have received no reply to same. The letter contained matter of vital importance to me, so therefore I am taking this opportunity of writing you again in regards to the matter. Hoping that this will receive your closest attention, I will try to state the facts as clearly as I possibly can in the briefest manner.

Several days ago I sent in my application for a rehearing for a Pardon to, The Hon. Chas. R. Mabey, and am sending this letter to you in the hopes that it will be Read before the Board of Pardons, that they may be more able to understand my reasons for a re-hearing, and also that this letter may receive the proper attention of the Board.

I was convicted at Price, Utah, on the Eight of March, 1922, and on the 10th, of that month was sent to the Utah State Prison, to serve an indeterminate term for Pandery. And in this letter I hope that I may be able to show the Board that I am not guilty of the crime for which I have already served more than a year. I will endeavor to bring to the surface all the facts that are of any value whatsoever.

The principle witness that appeared against me at my preliminary hearing but did not appear at my trial, was sent to parts un-known presumably by the sheriff. I also have several witnesses that will testify that the woman who gave false evidence against me was paid, and also threatened with a prison sentence unless she would do as the sheriff had instructed her to do, so therefore it stands to reason that the woman perjured herself for a stated sum of money.

In order that the witnesses who intended to appear at my trial in my behalf should not appear, the sheriff also threatened them that should they do so he would close their places of business. So I think that this incident alone goes to prove that there was some hidden motive behind the indictment that was brought against me.

I had a partner arrested with me by the name of Mabel Jones, who was detained at the jail for six or seven days, during which time the sheriff, slept with her, and was seen to do so by the woman who does the cooking for him, also one of the prisoners who was in the jail at the time informed the rest of us there. He turned her loose with the understanding that she make a certain statement against me that would be incriminating.

The sheriff also threatened two colored women that if they should not appear against me and say that they had payed me fifty cents, (50¢) for each sexual intercourse they had with a man, that he would send them to prison, one of these women testified to this, but the other one told the judge that I had nothing whatever to do with her and furthermore she did not know me, and that I was not acquainted with her.

The first time that I was tried the Jury could come to no decision, and I was placed under Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000) bonds, as soon as I had raised the bonds, the sheriff re-arrested me and made my bond (\$10,000) more. After that I jumped my bond as my lawyer told me that I would have to get him (\$500.00) more if I wanted him to fight my case, and as I did not have the required amount, I left the town and immediately wrote to the Judge