

CITY COURT OF SALT LAKE CITY
STATE OF UTAH.

JUDGES
N. H. TANNER
PRESIDING JUDGE
JOHN H. MORGAN
NOEL S. PRATT
GAYLEN S. YOUNG

W. A. LEATHAM
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF CITY COURT

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

February 4th, 1926.

Mr. W. F. Dawson
Attorney & Counsellor-at-Law
619 Continental Bank Building
SALT LAKE CITY.

Dear Mr. Dawson:-

I understand that you are preparing a petition to the Board of Pardons with reference to the defendant, George M. Morrison, who is now serving time in the County Jail on two sentences imposed by me some few months ago.

On each of the two cases I imposed a fine of \$299.00 in addition to the jail sentence. The fines were imposed because of the information that had previously come to me through the County Attorney's office that the defendant had been implicated in the illicit traffic of liquor for a considerable length of time. However, I did not know of Mr. Morrison's financial condition.

After the sentence was imposed, a Stay of Execution was granted to the defendant for the purpose of appeal. Instead of perfecting his appeal he left the State and his bonds were forfeited. By the influence of his bondsmen, Mr. Morrison was convinced that it would be better for him to return to Utah and serve out his sentence. He surrendered himself in execution of the judgment between 30 and 60 days later. Under these conditions I naturally feel that the defendant should be required to serve his jail sentence, but owing to the fact that his family is in a depressed financial condition, I would not interpose any objection if the Board of Pardons saw fit to remit the fines imposed.

I am writing this letter in accordance with your request to let you know my position in the matter. I have no objection if you wish to use this matter in taking the case before the Board of Pardons.

The above is a fac-simile of a letter written by the undersigned to Mr. J. E. Openshaw of this city, January 12th, 1926.

Yours very truly,

GSY:H

Gaylen S. Young