

Showing Once More Perjury

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,) ss.

Capt. Paul Smidt, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

In Feb. 1912 I got a letter from Stewart, which is now in the possession of Williams, formerly a reporter on the Evening Herald, to whom I gave it, together with telegrams from Stewart and other documents which will substantiate fully the statements that follow:

In the letter referred to Stewart told me that if I could get anybody who would act as a witness against the Magons he would see that subpoenas compelling their attendance were issued. He had asked me to work for the prosecution while he was assistant district attorney. He assured me that they would pay me handsomely, and said that if I would stick to them they would see that I got into something good. They wanted me to hunt up the fellows who had been in Lower California, and especially those who would be likely to be opposed to the Magons, and they wanted me to do this because the men trusted me. They employed me and paid me \$10 a day and my railroad travelling expenses at the rate of 10c a mile. Wherever I found those fellows I brought them in, and they would accept my recommendation and accept them.

I was on their pay roll for three weeks in El Paso, and then went to Los Angeles, where I stayed until July. I started with them in February and got to Los Angeles in March. As fast as I brought the fellows into Los Angeles they were put up on the pay roll and drew \$3 a day, Sundays and holidays included. I brought the fellows in from April 1 until April 18, and they went on the pay roll from April 1 until the conclusion of the trial, drawing \$3 a day and their travelling expenses. I got them in San Diego, Yuma and Los Angeles, but they put in their mileage from El Paso and San Francisco. For example, I found Goshevsky in Los Angeles, but he put in his mileage from San Francisco. Robinson knew all these facts. Robinson told L. J. Reese that if he did not say what they wanted him to say—"I am going to tie a rope round your neck and hang you out of the window."

Robinson took all the witnesses into his office and drilled them as to what they were to say. He turned down Madison because he would not perjure himself, but kept him on the pay roll, and Madison got \$250, but they never put him on the stand. They paid him off and let him go. They also turned down Webster, who got something like \$200.

Martin got mileage from Yuma. He told me he had been offered \$250 by the Mexican consul if he would swear to the statement he made first. He told me he was on Easy Street, but they did not pay him. I knew Martin when he got to Mexicali.

Reed did not come to Mexicali until after the fight in which Stanley was killed, May 8—a week after the fight. Yet he testified that he went down with Stanley to Algodon. He never saw Stanley. Reed never saw the Magons before they were in jail. Simmons took us into the jail and placed us behind a screen. Then he brought the Magons into the visiting room. The Magons could not see us. This was to give us a chance to identify them. They told us the names of the individual members of the imprisoned Junta. That was the first time Reed, Hickey or I myself ever saw the Magons.

When they offered us the chance it was because when the trial finally came up their witnesses were scattered all over the country. Then they paid me to get them anybody I could.

For three months they were bribing witnesses to convict the Magons. They were salaried with Mexican money, but they were using American money, to bribe witnesses. Stewart had a retainer fee of \$5000 from the Mexican government.

They did not put Marshall on the stand. My friends took their money as easy money.

They wanted Reese to substantiate Reed's testimony that the two of them went together and enlisted here, in Los Angeles. Reese and Reed never met one another until after the battle of Lillie's Ranch—after May 8.

Webster was threatening to expose all their works. So was Steve O'Donnell. He knew when Reese and Reed met, and knew the testimony they were going to give, because they kept practising in the room before him. Webster also knew and threatened to expose them. Robinson paid Reese off right away after the case was finished and told him to beat it out of town, threatening him with his pending prosecution on a charge of perjury. Webster was under probation on a year's sentence in San Diego. He was wanted in Sacramento for robbery. Robinson got the legal authorities to look up his record, and showed him that the Sacramento robbery was a very serious offence. He told Webster to shut his mouth and beat it out of town. Webster told me what had transpired in the office.

Martin first asked me to take him as a witness when he was in Yuma, but I refused. Subsequently he was accepted. When he came to Los Angeles he saw the Mexican consul who offered him \$250.

Salinas went from Yuma to El Paso. There he was getting \$2

a day from the Mexican consul. He was subpoenaed in El Paso.

He was put on the pay roll in Los Angeles at \$3 a day and transportation out from El Paso.

Paul Smidt
Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 3rd day of March 1913.

W. F. Hook
Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Afraid of the Revolution? Then denounce the injustice, and the fear in you will end.
—Praxedis G. Guerrero.

809 Yale Street, Los Angeles, California, April 5, 1913

Regeneración

WRITTEN BY WORKINGMEN AND FOR WORKINGMEN

To Liberate the Martyrs of McNeil Island

This photograph was taken at the moment of departure of the Junta for McNeil Island. The two persons marked with a white cross over their heads are the guards that conducted them.



RICARDO FLORES MAGON, ANSELMO L. FIGUEROA, LIBRADO RIVERA, ENRIQUE FLORES MAGON.

SET THEM FREE.

MARTYRDOM OF THE MAGONS

The indisputable facts, now coming out in all the leading papers and magazines, show conclusively how correct were our imprisoned comrades in their contention that the Maderos were cheating their country out of the revolution for which it had poured out its blood.

Seldom, if ever, has history justified a group of men so quickly and completely. All the world knows today that they are not criminals, but all the world does not know, as we do, that perjury was employed against them.

Not for the sake of the Magons individually; not for the sake of Rivera or Figueroa, but for the sake of the inconceivably important principles at stake; for the sake of standing loyally by our own men, who themselves stood loyally by truth; for the sake of vindicating those who faced power and privilege that they might rescue suffering humanity, we should agitate unceasingly for the liberation of the members of the Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party now imprisoned in McNeil's Island.

Parole has been refused. It should not discourage us. It should make us work the harder for absolute pardon. Former-President Taft's last decree, which gave absolute liberty to all prisoners accused of having violated the neutrality laws, has been complied with religiously, but not as regards those who are now on McNeil Island.

In proof of what we say we reproduce in this number of "Regeneración" one example of much evidence that, with great difficulty, we have succeeded in obtaining, to show the plot woven for the trial and condemnation of the members of the Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party.

In successive issues we shall bring to light other evidence, for the purpose of convincing the workers of the sort of justice which exists in this great land of Liberty, America. Nevertheless we hope for justice from the New President of the United States, Mr. Woodrow Wilson, to whom we have sent a petition which calls for the absolute liberty of the captives, because they have been the victims of perjured witnesses, as shown in this last testimony of Capt. Paul Smith.

SIGN AND MAIL THIS PROTEST TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, the undersigned, after a thorough investigation of the case against the imprisoned members of the Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party, and after being convinced that perjury was committed by witnesses for the United States government, hereby petition that Ricardo Flores Magon, Enrique Flores Magon, Librado Rivera and Anselmo L. Figueroa be released from the penitentiary at McNeil's Island.

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