

CHOW QUON.

El Paso, Texas, May 10th, 1907.

Statement made by Chow Quon, Chinese arrested in a box car in the joint freight yards at El Paso, May 10th, 1907.

Questioned by Assistant Inspector in Charge F. W. McFarland, interpreted by Harry K. Faung, reported by Roscoe Denny.

You will now be given an opportunity to explain how you happened to be found in that box car, and if your story is satisfactory you will be allowed to go, but if not, you are warned that what you may say now will be used against you in court hereafter.

How old are you?

28.

When did you go into that car where you were found?

Last night.

Did you go in at the same time the other three men did?

Yes.

Are you a brother of Chow Chan?

No, a distinct relative.

When did you reach Juarez?

Last year.

How many months have you been in Juarez?

Five days.

You mean that you landed in Mexico last year, do you?

Yes, sir.

Did you land at Salina Cruz?

Yes.

What month.

12th month 24th day.

Did you sail from Hong Kong?

Yes.

On one of the Chinese Commercial Company's vessels?

Yes, sir.

Did you ever hear of Ng Hok Fong?

Yes, I heard that he had a steamer running at that time.

Is this your first trip away from China?

Yes, this is my first trip.

Give me the name of the village and district where you were born?

Cheo Kai Village, Sun Way District, China.

Was your father ever out of China?

Yes.

Where was he?

San Francisco.

When did he go back to China from San Francisco?

I don't remember, he went there about five years ago.

Was your mother ever in the United States?

No.

How did you happen to get into the box car yesterday?

The Mexicans chased us and when we saw this car door open we went in, and afterwards the car was locked and pulled over to this side without our knowing it.

Were there six or eight Mexicans in that crowd?

Six.

You really had no intention of coming into the United States when you went into that car?

No, they chased us with pistols and we could not make our stand, so we entered the car. If we had known the car was to be taken to this side we would not have entered it.

Did you know that you had no right to come into the United States?  
Yes, I know that, I know I was only allowed to come and remain in Mexico. I have never had any intention of coming to the United States at all.

Have you any relatives in the United States now?

Yes, a brother whom you in New York.

Where does he live in New York?

I don't know.

These other three men found in the box car with you all got in at the same time you did?

That is correct.

You admit that you have no right to remain in the United States, do you?

Yes, sir.

How much money have you?

\$4. American.

When did you get your Mexican money changed into American?

I went to buy something and they gave me change in American money at different times and I usually kept it.

What was the name of the vegetable garden where you have been staying in Juarez?

I do not know the name of the garden, because I have only been here a few days.

How many bottles of water did you have in this car?

Two.

How did you happen to have that water with you in that car?

We went to the drinking place to fill our bottles with water and while we were filling them we were chased by the Mexicans and when we ran we took our bottles with us.

How far from this garden was it where you filled the bottles.

It is quite a way, it was in the plaza.

How many shirts does you on now?

Four.

How do you happen to have so many on?

Because I am not feeling well, and am somewhat shilly.

Were you accustomed to walking on the streets in Juarez with four or five shirts on?

Yes.

How many pairs of pants have you?

Two pairs of drawers and one pair of pants.

Is it your custom to wear two pairs of drawers at this time of the year?

Yes.

Witness signs notes in Chinese and is regularly sworn.

I certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the testimony taken in this examination this 10th day of May, 1907.

*Rose M. ...*  
Stenographer & Typewriter.

... get into the bar and be taken to the United States, so that we could get work.