

Texas Crime Investigating Committee – Item Inventory

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Testimony of T. Leo Moore heard by Hon. Fred V. Meredith, Chairman, Hon. Waggoner Carr, Hon. Horace B. Houston, Hon. Charles Murphy, and Hon. Bill Wood, 1951-03-27

Testimony of Rev. Coleman, n.d.

T. LEO MOORE





MR. T. LEO MOORE, being duly sworn,  
testified as follows:

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EXAMINATION

BY CHAIRMAN MERIDITH:

Q Will you please state your name to the Committee?

A I am T. Leo Moore, Mayor of Electra, Texas and Judge of the  
Corporate Court.

Q How long have you held that official position, please, sir?

A I have been in the City Council since 1936 as a Commissioner and  
I think three or four terms, I don't know just which, as Mayor.

Q What is your business, Mr. Moore?

A I am an oil operator and have been a drilling contractor. I am  
now liquidating my drilling company, the L. & M. Drilling Company.

Q And is that business located in any particular county?

A In Electra.

Q Which county?

A Wichita County.

Q How far is the city of Electra from the city of Wichita Falls?

A Twenty-six miles, half way between Wichita Falls and Vernon.

Q How long have you resided in Electra?

A The first time I came to Electra was in the fall and winter of  
1917. I left and made the 'Burk' boom, Mexia and a few more  
and returned there after I married in '21 and have made that my  
residence since.

Q Did you ever participate in any other business other than the  
oil business, Mr. Moore?

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A Yes, sir.

Q What business was that?

A I was the principal stockholder of the Southern Circuit Equipment Corporation that owned circuit equipment which I leased to operating and holding companies at one time.

Q In the pursuance of that business, did you have occasion to travel about over these United States?

A I have travelled extensively on that, also on the first part of this war, in Washington when war was declared and on various selective service which I have been and am now Vice Chairman of the Draft Board and was first appointed in '41 and served on the Committee that wrote the dictionary for the trades, for the petroleum industry for selective service, the Department of Labor didn't have it classified.

Q Now, I understand your answer to be that you have travelled extensively over the United States?

A Yes, sir.

Q In your former business?

A That's right.

Q Did your travels ever take you to the city of Chicago?

A Yes, sir.

Q Mr. Moore, do you know a person by the name of Mickey Cohen?

A No, sir, I do not.

Q Do you know a person by the name of Harry Brook?

A I have an acquaintanceship, I met Harry Brook.

Q Will you tell the Committee where you met Harry Brook?

3 Q Two years ago, the day following Christmas, Mr. E. P. Wagner, Paul Wagner of Vernon, and Mr. Lee Lehman, the manager of the farming interests of the Wagner Estate, and I sent to New Orleans. Mr. Wagner was going on business. They were airconditioning the Wagner Building and the firm that had the conditioning job is a firm of engineers in New Orleans. We arrived there by rail following that. We intended to stay for the Sugar Bowl Game but we left New Year's Eve when the state of Oklahoma moved in, got a little rough.

Q Is that where you met Harry Brook?

A That is exactly, sir.

Q At the football game?

A No, in the lobby of the -- would you like for me to just ---

Q No, sir, just tell us where you did meet him.

A Tell you where I met him?

Q No, sir, just tell where you met him.

A Well, I mean the occasion and all, would you like that?

Q Just tell where you met him.

A In the lobby of the Roosevelt Hotel at the transportation desk where I was changing our transportation.

Q That's in New Orleans?

A In New Orleans.

Q I believe that answers my question. Do you know what date that was, approximately what date it was?

A Well, that must have been, I believe that was the day before we left and we must have left on the six o'clock or whatever that TP comes out there, on the 31st, that must have been about the

4 30th. And I'll say it was after the races that afternoon, somewhere around 5:30 or 6:00. We had been to the races.

Q Well, what date?

A I imagine it was about the 30th; now I can't -- don't pin me to that.

Q Well, just approximately.

A December 30th I would say.

Q December 30th of what year?

A I believe it was '48. I'm not sure.

Q Now, since that time, Mr. Moore, have you been back to the city of Chicago?

A No, sir.

Q Have you had occasion to make any long distance telephone calls to Chicago?

A No, sir.

Q In August of 1950?

A No, sir, I don't think so. The only one I could have made or discussed would have been with Mr. Briden who owns the Inter-Associated Midway, that has the contract for the 40 shows at Dallas who had some manager trouble at Dallas and did discuss with me and I went in there the second day and managed his Midway and got it going, at the State Fair of Texas.

Q Have you ever talked with Harry Brook in Chicago?

A No, sir.

Q Via long distance?

A No, sir, I have not ever.

Q Have you ever written to Harry Brook? ®

A No, sir, I have not.

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Q At any place?

A No, sir. Mr. Harry Brook called me.

Q Will you state when it was he called you, sir?

A Well ---

Q Approximately.

A Give me the date of this Mickey Cohen thing so I can coincide with it, when he was bounced out of Wichita Falls, what date was that?

Q August 30, 1950.

Q Well, it must have been six or seven days before that. He called from the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C. He called all over town. Mr. Ted Miller, the Chief of Police, got the call in my office, 79, which is my office and the Police Department, hunted me up and I came down and talked there at 79 and he was in the Statler Hotel of Washington, D. C. He called me and said he had a lot of pipe, a hundred thousand or so many feet of pipe and was I interested in any pipe. At the time I told him I was not. I was liquidating on account of some estate matters my partner has. And I wasn't interested and he asked did I know Dug Johnson and I said, yes, sir, he is the leading wildcatter and oil man here. He said, will you tell him then I have some pipe and that I am coming down there and want to go in the oil business. I said, I certainly will. And then the same afternoon, possibly an hour or so later they commenced calling me again from the Statler Hotel and Mr. McKelvey, they finally called his office, and he

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got down on the street and found me and I went to the City News Stand and talked there in front of McKelvey and two or three people the same as I did at the Police Department.

Q That was at Electra?

A That was at Electra.

Q And I believe you sated that was five or six days before ---

A That's correct.

Q Mickey Cohen came to Texas?

A But he called me another time or two in the meantime, always from the Statler Hotel.

Q We'll get to that in just a minute. Now, at that time you had known Harry Brook better than two years?

A I had had one acquaintance, the introduction there at the ---

Q That was some two years previous?

A Well, that was approximately that, that's the date.

Q Did you know what business he was in, Mayor?

A He was introduced, I have tried to think and I tried to get Mr. Wagner to think and Mr. Lehman who introduced him, I don't know whether it was Hellis' secretary or who it was, but I was at the transportation desk and he told, whoever brought him up, said this fellow wants to meet the King of the Whistle Stops, and I was busy trying to get my transportation, and so I didn't talk to him much, I didn't ask him ---

Q Did you learn at that time what his business was?

A I thought at that time since he was travelling, I thought maybe he was a tout, I thought that he was maybe wanting a bet and, after all, when you travel with Mr. Wagner you are very careful

about all those people. I didn't know what he was. I made no inquiry.

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Q I think that answers the question. You refer to him as being a tout?

A I didn't know. I just, since I have travelled in show business, I can nearly tell.

Q Now, for the benefit of the Committee what is a tout?

A Well, that's somebody that has got a sure horse, that can't be beat, a feedbox horse; in other words, he has got to win.

Q Did he attempt to place any bets with you or make any such ---

A No, he didn't place any bets because, Mr. Chairman, because I do not gamble.

Q Did he make any such proposition or offer?

A No, oh, he wanted, the only thing he asked about my country, about oil and naturally anybody who knows me know I like my country, I don't think there's any any better. I'm sure your country is as good as mine but I really think mine is a nicer place to live.

Q Now, on that trip did you happen to meet a Mr. William Hellis?

A I did not go to the meeting with Mr. Hellis.

Q You did not meet him?

A No, sir, I didn't go to that meeting at all. Some of the party that was there from Fort Worth or Dallas did, they had a cocktail party there, I think the manager of the hotel.

Q You didn't go?

A I did not attend it.

Q Now, you referred to a second long distance telephone conversation

you had with Harry Brook. Will you tell the Committee about that?

8 A Well, that was a day or two or maybe, you know, in the next day from Washington again about the pipe that he had the, he had a connection in Pittsburg and he was going to get this pipe and all that. And if you know, most of the pipe is very scarce in our country and the market is going at about three and a half a foot for seven inch.

Q Pardon me, Mr. Moore, if I might make this observation, we have a number of witnesses to examine, if you will just answer the questions as directly as possible ---

A I certainly will do that.

Q We will move along. We would appreciate it.

A But you want to know what the calls are, I can't do it just yes or no.

Q Well, you did talk to him the second time?

A Yes, sir.

Q What did you talk to him about?

A Pipe.

Q About pipe?

A He was wanting to go in the oil business.

Q And that was about two days after your first telephone conversation?

A Maybe the next day, along, there was a couple or more, maybe three.

Q That would make it about four days then before the Mickey Cohen incident?

A Yes. Oh, more than that, because the next call I had was on Saturday night.

Q That was the third call? (R)

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A Well, maybe the fourth, I wouldn't state definitely which it was.

Q How many telephone calls have you had from Harry Brook?

A Well, I imagine four or five, I wouldn't say for usre.

Q Did you have a telephone call from Harry Brook on the same day when Mickey Cohen was in Texas?

A No, sir; no, sir.

Q The day before?

A No, sir, I was out of town.

Q Did you learn that any telephone call had been made by him to your home or to your office while you were out of town?

A No, I did not learn. I did learn -- now, there are two Leo Moores in Electra, I want you to know that.

Q Are there two 'T. Leo Moores'?

A No.

Q One 'T. Leo Moore'?

A One is a tool pusher for a drilling company and he may have placed a call but it is invariably, the calls are placed Leo and we get them messed up.

Q But there's only one T. Leo Moore?

A There's only one, I guess, in the world.

Q When would you say your last telephone call from Harry Brook was previous to August 30, 1950, the day Mickey Cohen was in Wichita Falls?

A It was on Saturday night, somewhere around eight o'clock.

Q Now, Mr. Brook, did you ever ---

A I beg your pardon.

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Q Mr. Moore, I beg your pardon, did you ever meet Harry Brook in Wichita Falls, Texas?

A He called and wanted me to come over that night and I didn't go.

Q That was a long distance call that he placed to you ---

A On Saturday night.

Q From Wichita Falls?

A On Saturday night. I told him I would be over the next morning.

Q Did you go over the next morning?

A Yes, sir, to the Marchman Hotel. I had breakfast with him in the Marchman.

Q Was anyone else present?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will you tell the Committee who was present?

A Earl Burch, Potentate of the Maskat Temple.

Q Now, August 30, 1950, was on a Wednesday night?

A That's right.

Q And August 30th is the date that Mickey Cohen ---

A Yes, sir.

Q Was in Wichita Falls?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, if it was Saturday night before that, then the date of that Saturday night call to you from Harry Brook in Wichita Falls must have been August 26th?

A Yes, sir, I imagine the telephone bill or hotel, something would confirm it.

Q All right, you went to the Marchman Hotel on Sunday morning,

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that must have been August 27th?

A That's right.

Q 1950?

A That's right.

Q And there you met Harry Brook?

A He came down to the lobby.

Q And Earl Burch?

A That's right.

Q And you had breakfast with them?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was anyone else present at that time?

A No, sir.

Q Now, what does Earl Burch do, what is his business and where does he live?

A Earl Burch serves on the Texas-Oklahoma Air Board with me, a Director, he has owned and operated the Marchman Cafe but he has sold it. He now owns and operates the Town and Country Club in Wichita Falls.

Q Is the Town and Country Club a supper club?

A It is a private club of membership, dinner or supper or banquets or whatever ---

Q Just a private club?

A That's right.

Q Not open to the public?

A No, sir, it is incorporated and the membership ---

Q That Town and Country Club the former residence of some person?

A Fred Weeks, very beautiful.

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Q It is a residential structure rather than a commercial building?

A One of the most lavish in Texas.

Q Is that Town and Country Club located at 2000 Harrison Street in Wichita Falls?

A Well, it is located on Harrison, I couldn't say whether it is 2000 or 2004.

Q On the corner?

A No, it's not a corner at all. There's a big housing center built around it. I don't know what the address is, I don't know how you'd get the address, because they have built a number of apartments, I imagine. Beautiful, and this is in the center.

Q Do you know Roy Hyatt?

A Yes, sir, very well.

Q Where does Roy Hyatt live?

A He lives in Wichita Falls.

Q What is his business?

A He is one of the owners with Mr. McCullough and Lawrence Ward of the Wichita Novelty Company which handles music machines and marble tables.

Q They handle marble boards?

A Yes, sir.

Q Could you tell us, Mr. Moore, whether or not this Town and Country Club that has been referred to is on the market for sale?

A No, sir, not that I know of.

Q To your knowledge it is not?

A If you would go back to that question, I could answer all we

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went from the hotel to there, I'd be glad to take you through the whole story.

Q The story with you and Harry Brook and Mr. Burch?

A Yes, sir, I'd be very glad to. Earl put in the Club and he was Potentate of the Shrine and the Wichita Country Club and the Elks Club and the Maskat Temple have slot machines. He wanted to put in the Club and to put in slot machines. He is a very nice fellow, one of the finest I know of. He came to me and the District Attorney, the County Attorney, nobody wouldn't say, yes, why, go ahead in your club. So he came to me and said, what would you do about it. I said, well, I wouldn't put them in. So he said, I don't know how to make that Club pay and they tell me you can't without it. So I gave a lot of thought to it. We worked many years together. So, in the preamble, before the breakfast that morning, Brook had told me, I should have started there, excuse me, that he had formerly operated clubs that had gambling rooms which weakened me and I started weakening, about him wanting to spend this five million dollars for this pipe deal. So I thought it was a very good deal for Earl to find out how to run a club. So we went out to the Club with Earl. Earl showed it to him. Part of the time I sat down. It is beautiful and he 'ohed' and ogled and 'awed'. And then he asked him about the operation of a club with food. He told him you couldn't operate it with food. Then he asked him about the slot machines and he said, they must be fixed or be allowed to operate for charity like the various Veterans organizations operate them. Then Earl asked him or he told him about gambling in clubs. He said it was practically

impossible to run them, that he had retired from it, that he had a wife and two kids and was trying to quit this racket that he had been in.

Q That was Harry Brook?

A Yes, that he was trying to get out of it and he said it looks like you can't. And he gave Earl, I think, the best talk that I ever heard on that line, and he told him he couldn't operate the thing without professional gamblers if he intended to operate gambling and Earl was very modest and very courteous and I believe appreciated everything he said because from my listening he was doing a good job of telling him about it and he told him another thing that was wrong with it, that the fix had got too tough, it used to be 25 per cent to fix them, not it's up to 40. Now I heard him say that out of his own mouth.

Q That was Harry Brook?

A Yes, sir. Now, we left Mr. Burch there. He wanted to look at those beautiful homes and price them, in that beautiful Country Club Addition. We went by and he asked what they were worth and I told him, and what he could buy a home for, and I told him I didn't have the least idea, Wichita Falls was building and very much expansion and I didn't know exactly what he could buy one for. Then he told me, he says, I tell you, do you know a man here that runs a horse deal. I said: I don't know, I have never placed a bet on a horse. Well, he said, you know Casey Jones. I said, yes, he has been here, I guess, for years. He said, I got a sure horse tomorrow and I would sure like to place a bet, I hate to call St. Louis. So I said, well, I'm going to take you back to the hotel.

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We'll go by the Holt and see if he is around there. We went in the Holt and he was not there. We took a cup of coffee. I took him back to the hotel, went up in his room and then he wanted to look at my maps. I had them in my briefcase. I showed them to him, about the time I showed him the Wilbarger County map he says, I have a boy -- the 'phone rang, he says, I have a boy downstairs who wants to come up, do you mind? Says, he is a gambler, used to work for me and lives here. I said, no, I don't mind, I've known him for years. So he came up. I then as fast as you could modestly and politely left and went home.

Q The boy who came just before you left is named what?

A Ray West.

Q Now, Ray West lives in Wichita Falls?

A Has lived there, I guess, all his life.

Q You knew his reputation?

A I knew it from conversation and, after all, I run a police station and a police department.

Q You knew his reputation?

A As a gambler, I have never gambled with him.

Q On that same occasion was any contact made with a Ray LeMaster?

A No, no, no, there was not.

Q You know a Ray LeMaster?

A Yes, I know Ray; raised in Burkburnett. I have known him, I believe, all his life.

Q He lives in Wichita Falls at this time?

A Yes, sir.

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Q What is his business?

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A I understand it's gambling. I'm not testifying he is a gambler because I never gambled with him.

Q Now, was he with Ray West on that occasion?

A No, he was not.

Q Now, while in the company of Harry Brook on this same occasion, did you meet any other friend or acquaintance of his?

A No, the only person we met at all was the fellow that stays in the Holt Hotel and I can't tell you his name, I don't know it. He was supposed to work for this Casey Jones, I don't know, he lives in Clay County. Jim Gear is here, I might could ask him his name -- he's tall, slender, gray-headed fellow. I don't know his name, he's only an acquaintanceship.

Q Now, after this incident that you have testified to, Mayor -- I understand that all happened on the 27th day of August?

A That happened on Sunday, whatever it is.

Q Then, a day or two later from that you heard about Mickey Cohen being in Wichita Falls?

A The next thing I heard, I went out of town, I had sold a drilling rig down in Uvalde to some people in Dallas who had given me a \$4,000.00 hot draft and I started to trying to collect it and I went to driving. I came back Wednesday evening late, way, I imagine somewhere around midnight and my son-in-law and daughter who have lived in Dallas, and now live in Electra, were there visiting, and about three or four o'clock in the morning my son-in-law answered the 'phone and somebody said: Is Mr. Moore

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there. He said, he's asleep; he has been driving, he's tired and I'm not a-going to wake him. Whoever this party is, says, it's an emergency, we got to have him. Well, I have five brothers; a lot of the boys in my police department and I get up and help all times of the night, so he woke me. I went stumbling to the 'phone and whoever it was, they used the name LeMaster. I don't know whether it was Ray LeMaster, I don't know his voice. I don't know who it was. Said: They have Harry Brook, the Rangers have arrested Harry Brook. I said, well, there isn't a damned thing I can do about it. And I went back to bed.

Q Did you see Harry Brook, or anyone else with him?

A Excuse me, one thing, he said: He wants a lawyer. And I said: There isn't a damned thing I can do about it. And went back to bed.

Q Thereafter did you see him any more?

A Who's that?

Q Harry Brook.

A No, sir, I have never seen him since, had no correspondence, no communication, none whatever.

Q Since that date?

A Yes, sir. I have some incidents that I refuse to testify in this open hearing that I'll be glad to talk to you gentlemen in private with. Two incidents that have happened to me and one has got serious, but I refuse to testify in private, on account I don't think I'll be worth a lead nickel.

Q Has no connection with this particular inquiry?

A I don't think I'll be worth a lead nickel or my family if I

talked out loud.

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Q We'll be glad to talk with you about that later.

A Mr. Chairman, I think this Cohen call you are t hinking about, the Chicago and New York, since I've thought, my son-in-law was with Patton overseas as an armored infantryman and he was raised with Harold Cohen of the famous Lt. Col. Cohen, Spartansburg, South Carolina, of Dixie's Shirt Company. They talk all the time, were graduates together, and Mr. Cohen does live in Chicago and New York, but he is this great war hero, great Jewish war hero from Spartansburg, Harold Cohen, and that might be if you've been checking my telephone calls and if you ever want to check it, why, I'll send you the bills and let you look over them. They are in order.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: Mr. Moore, I believe that's all.

A I would like to ask permission, one time, one question, I don't think it will cost much to you, since I'm only a layman, not a police officer that has been invited here. I don't think I've got long to live, but this is a dirty racket. I've spent my life in, been in the Service, here they are, Congressional medals and every other thing, and not one police officer has asked me about this case, not Col. Garrison -- I have met him here in Austin-- has asked me. I want you gentlemen to know that. Not one. I have discussed it with mine, and if you gentlemen want law and order and cooperation from me, so help you, God, I'll work free for you and if you don't think I got the guts to work, you let me try it. I've got the top police department in Texas.

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19 Here's all this stuff if you want to see it, Congressional medals, Salvation Army, war record, and I want to say another thing before I close, I want to tell you gentlemen I don't want any expenses for coming down here. I want you to keep it because you need it. You can do some marvelous good for the people of Texas. I'm sorry, I'm sick.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: I appreciate that, Mayor, and we have tried to be as courteous as possible.

A I'm sick and I know it, I'm not supposed to be here but I hope to God if I die today that these rats that are carrying pistols and accepting the gratuities of the people of Texas will be brought before this bar, too.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: Mayor, I want to thank you very much for your appearance before this Committee.

A It's not right.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: And I think that we will want to talk with you.

A I'll be ready and if you'll tell Bob there to call me, call the Commodore Perry, I'll be here, you know, four or five weeks, and you won't have to subpoena me.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: Thank you very much.

A I'll certainly be here.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: Thank you very much.

A But I want to tell you, I've got the guts, that I would like to talk to you in a few minutes because I am going to leave here, if possible, we've got the 40th anniversary at Electra. I'm Vice Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: What I meant, Mayor, was at a later date.

A I want to go home for Saturday. We've got that big celebration.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: You have the permission of the Committee.

A I would like to convey to this House of Representatives thanks for that resolution, like to invite you all up there to the free barbecue, and I'd like to go on home and we'll feed you and show you a good country and I'll show you a police department I've been 16 years a-building. I'm not afraid to match it with any of them.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: We appreciate your cooperation.

A And any of these rats -- I'd like to talk with one or two of you a minute before I leave if I could in private.

CHAIRMAN MERIDITH: If we can make that opportunity, we will do it. Call the next witness, Paul Harvey.

(Witness Excused)

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Q.--Rev. Coleman have you ever lived in Galveston, Texas?  
A.--Yes.

Q.--How long?

A.--Five Years. in Galveston County (Hitch Cock)

Q.--Rev. Coleman have you ever been connected with any law enforcement agency in Texas, like Peace officer?

A.--Yes. I am a member of the National Detective Agency with Headquarters in Los Angeles, California and am a Deputy Constable.

Q.--Of what County?

A.--Harris County.

Q.--Have you had any connection with the Sheriff Department, Constable Department or Police Department in Galveston County?

A.--No, not with either one of those mentioned.

Q.--Do you know the Sheriff in Galveston County?

A.--Yes I do.

Q.--Have you ever applied to him for a job or commission?

A.--For a job yes. I went to Sheriff Frank L. Biaggne.

Q.--What did he say about a job?

A.--He told me that the County Commission were working on a plan to give him money so he could hire 2 or 3 Colored Deputies, he took my name and address and said as soon as they would give him permission to put on the deputies he would let me know.

Q.--Just why did you want a commission in Galveston County?

A.--At that time I was living in La Marge, Texas, there were some secret gambling places and the selling of drinks and gambling on Sundays in Galveston County. I wanted to do my best to help enforce the law.

Q.--Did you notify the Sheriff or any other officer of what you knew what was going on?

A.--I did not tell anyone.

Q.--Did you ask any other Department for a job?

A.--I did. I asked the constable for a job. He told me if he need me he would call me.

Q.--Do you know Chief Burns?

A.--I do.

Q.--Did you ask him for a Job?

A.--Yes I asked Chief Burns for a job.

Q.--What did he tell you?

A.--Chief Burns told me he was running full handed at that time.

Q.--Did you inquire around any other law enforcement agency in Galveston County?

A.--Yes, I worked with the National Detective Agency in Galveston.

Q.--Will you name some of the cases you worked on?

A.--I am afraid sir, that question I cannot answer, but the Nat'l Detective Agency of Galveston has reports, if the committee want those reports, they may get them at the Nat'l Detective Agency in Galveston, Texas.

Q.--Did you know anything of the late Sam Maceo's Gambling Syndicate?

A.--I did not.

Q.--Have you ever worked with any other law enforcement in the State of Texas?

A.--Yes.

Q.--The Committee has a statement that where you were employed as a Special Investigator by the family of a negro who was shot and killed by a Negro Detective Buster Landrum in the city of Galveston?

A.--Yes, I have those records and the committee can get them.

Q.--Have you ever worked with any law enforcement in Houston Harris County?

A.--Yes.

Q.--Will you state for who, where and when?

A.--Mr. Chairman, if the committee will let this question pass for the time being and if and when the committee begin combing Houston Texas, like it has in Galveston, Texas, then this question can be answered.

Q.--Rev. Coleman, you were called by a committee of Seaman's and Sailors Society to investigate reports on Seaman's and Sailors getting beaten up and all of their money taken away from them by the Polices, colored and white Polices, these Seaman's were whipped put in jail and they had drunken charges filed against them?

A.--Yes, I have records on same happenings from 1949 to 1950, from 33rd. St. to 25th. St. from avenue I to the Cotton Compress, then on 13th and Avenue G plus the beach front 28th and 29th.

Q.--Rev. Coleman do you know anything about prostitution in the city of Galveston and of some policemen who had women in the district working with them to help them get money from Seaman's and Sailors or any body else who had any large sum of money on them, and these women would get the money and when police were called, the women were supposed to be put in jail, but were put in there for only a few minutes then were turned a loose to do the same thing over again?

A.--I have some reports on that.