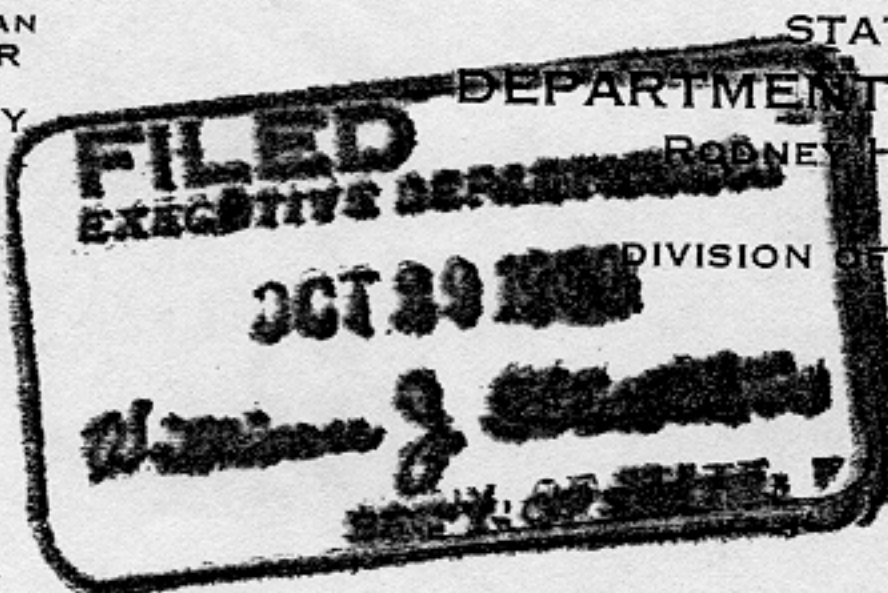


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On Thursday morning, July 3rd. Mr. Robert Phillips of your office in Springfield, Illinois phoned me to go to Chicago at once and interview one Steve Dickson, a prisoner in the Cook County jail, who had written a letter to his Excellency, Governor Emmerson.

Dickson said in this letter, that one Leon Brown, now sentenced to be electrocuted July 25th, 1930, for murder, was innocent and had no part whatever in this crime.

On my arrival at the Cook County jail I was informed by Lieutenant Sullivan, that Steve Dickson had been taken to the penitentiary at Joliet about an hour previous.

Dickson's statement is as follows:

"I was released from the Pen at Ft. Madison, Iowa and came to Chicago where I knew a couple of ladies. The ladies mentioned Jenkins' name and I thought I might know him as I had known a man by that name. I met him and knew him. He took me to a house on Wabash Avenue and he made me acquainted with some fellows there. I do not know how to spell their names, but there was Jenkins, Shalock, Fisher, myself and a light complexioned fellow they called, "Bob". They talked about how easy it was to get some money in stick ups. We went out and stuck up an oil station near the Franklin Trust and Saving's Bank at 35th. St. Chicago. We split the money and I then had enough to go to Texas where I live and was going. Jenkins told me that they could stick up the bank and that it would be easy. We all talked it over. Two of the crowd went to the bank and had a \$20.00 bill changed to get the "lay of the ground,"

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We went to this bank about 1:30 P.M. Jenkins remained in the automobile outside and Shadlock, Fisher, Bob (the light colored fellow) and I went in. I had the shot gun. The shooting commenced at once. I was shot on the side of the head. The bank watchman was killed and they said with a shot gun. I had the shot gun all the time, but I don't remember shooting it. We ran out of the bank and I escaped, and went to Mississippi. I was arrested there and taken to Chicago, but not until after the trial of the others. I pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life. While I was in the Cook County jail someone pointed out Brown as my rap partner. I looked at him, and I had never seen that man before. I know he was not with us in that bank robbery and was not one of our gang. I am a Catholic. The next Sunday I went to the Protestant Chapel so I could see Brown and talk to him. I talked to Brown. I had never talked to him before and I never saw him before I saw him in the County Jail a few days previous. I told Rosenbaum of the Moody Biblical Institute before I was indicted that Brown was not the man, and I also told the bailiff in Judge Normoyle's Court that Brown was not the man and was innocent and had no part in this crime.

