

CHOW CHAN.

El Paso, Texas, May 10, 1907.

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

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

You will be given an opportunity now to show what right you have to be in the United States and if your explanation is satisfactory you will be allowed to go, but if not, you are warned that whatever you have to say now may be used against you in court hereafter.

How old are you?

31.

When did you leave China last?

11th month last year.

Did you sail from Hong Kong?

Yes.

On what vessel?

The Chinese steamer.

Do you know Ng Hok Fong?

I have heard of him, but have never met him.

He is the manager of the Chinese Commercial Company, one of whose steamers you came on, is he not?

He had been the manager, but he was'nt when I came.

Where did you land in Mexico?

Salina Cruz.

Where did you go from there?

To Parral.

Do you remember what date you landed at Salina Cruz?

Twelfth month, twenty-seventh day last.

When you sailed from China did you expect to make your way into the United States finally?

No, we were fighting with the Mexicans on the other side and they were stronger than we and to get out of their way we got into this box car. A man came along shortly and locked the door and later an engine came and pulled us into the United States.

Do you mean that you were over in Mexico when you entered the car?

Yes.

Just across the river here?

Yes, near the edge of the city. We did'nt try to smuggle ourselves into the United States.

How many were there in the party?

Four in all.

What time of the day did you enter the car?

Just before sunset. We were chased by the Mexicans and got in the car and shut the door, then a man came and locked ~~an~~ it and later the engine came.

Was that today or yesterday?

Last night. We were in the car and knew we were in the United States but did'nt dare break the door open to get out.

How did you know you were in the United States?

The other three men who were with me told me, for they said the United States was just across the river from Mexico. We thought it was better for us to remain there and not try to get out, because if we did we would be arrested and if we did'nt we might be turned back to Mexico in the car.

When did you arrive in Juarez?

A few days ago. I got there the 16th or 17th day of the present month.

Chow Chen,

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Where have you been staying there?

At Ah Dai's place.

Were you at Ah Dai's place when you got into this trouble with the Mexicans?

No.

Where are your father and mother now?

In China.

Was your mother ever in the United States?

No.

Were you ever in the United States before this time?

No.

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

Sui Kai Village, Sun Wai District, China.

Is this your first trip away from China?

Yes.

Do you understand this interpreter?

Yes.

Do you admit that you have no right in the United States?

Yes, I know that, and that is why I said that I did not intend to come to the United States.

Was this cigar and slips of paper taken from you?

Yes.

Where did you buy the cigar?

In Juaréz.

Do you swear that the foregoing statement is the truth and the whole truth?

Yes.

What do you expect to have done to you in this case?

I have no money to hire a lawyer to help me, and I do not think I can do anything. I have a cousin in Parral, but I do not think he has any money for me.

Witness signs statement in Chinese, and in swears regularly.

I hereby certify that the foregoing testimony is a true and correct transcript of my notes taken in this case this 10th day of May, 1907.

*Rose [Signature]*  
Stenographer and Typewriter.