

LEE GEE.

El Paso, Texas, May 10, 1907.

Statement made by Lee Gee, Chinese 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 Stenographer R. Denny.

You will be given an opportunity to explain how you happened to be found in the United States. If your story is satisfactory, you will be allowed to go, but if not, you are warned that whatever you say now will be used against you in court.

How old are you?

~~Twelve.~~ 20

When did you leave China last?

4th month last year.

Did you sail from Hong Kong?

Yes.

On one of the Chinese Commercial Company's vessels?

Yes.

Have you ever heard of Ng Hok Fong?

Yes, he is one of the men who is interested in the Chinese Steamship Company.

What was the name of the vessel on which you sailed?

I don't remember.

Where did you land?

Salina Cruz.

Do you remember what month you landed there?

5th month, but I don't remember the day.

Where did you go from Salina Cruz?

To Mexico City.

When did you reach Juarez?

A little over a month ago.

You have been in Juarez for a month?

Yes.

Did you see me with another man over in Juarez about two weeks ago?

No, I have been out on the streets very little.

Where have you been staying in Juarez?

At Mr. Chin's place, laundry. When he informed me that he could not keep me any longer I came over here.

Do you know Chom Chan, who was just in here.?

I had not met him very frequently, but when I met him by accident this time I came with him.

Was he staying at the same place as you in Juarez?

No.

Both of you got into the box car at the same time, didn't you?

Yes.

Where had all four of you come from just before you got into the car?

We were walking on the streets.

When and where did you four make the agreement to get into the box car together?

While we were walking on the street and talking together about getting into the car, we just went right in without any previous arrangements.

What white people or Mexicans brought you to the car?

None.

What was your object in getting into the car?

We had no work and nothing to eat on the other side and we thought it might be a good idea to get into the car and be taken to the United States, so that we could get work.



How did you know that our would come into the United States?  
We saw the car pulled over to the other side from the United States and we thought it would come back.

When did you get into the car?

A little after 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, yesterday afternoon?

Yes.

How long did it remain on the Mexican side before coming over here?  
One or two hours.

Who locked the car?

I didn't see who locked it because we had the door closed.

Was it unlocked on this side before you were taken out?

We were in the car and didn't know whether it was locked or not, but the door was closed.

What provisions did you have in the car?

Nothing except a water bottle.

Haven't you had anything to eat since yesterday afternoon?

No.

Where did you intend to go in the United States?

We had no particular place, we would go to New York or any place.

Have you any near relatives in the United States?

I have an uncle in Marysville (Cal.).

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

Sin Gong Village, Sin Ming District, China.

Were you ever away from China before last year?

No. I have never been away from China.

Where are your mother and father?

In China.

Was your mother ever in the United States?

No. She was always at home.

Do you understand the Chinese that is being used in your investigation?

Yes.

Do you swear that the statement you have made is the truth and the whole truth?

Yes.

Witness signs notes in Chinese and is regularly sworn.

I certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken in this investigation this 10th day of May, 1927.

*[Signature]*  
Stenographer & Typewriter.