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# State Board of Parole

St. Paul, Minn., 25th May, 1925

Mr. F. A. Whittier, State Agent,  
State Prison, Stillwater, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: We enclose herewith letter from Judge Nelson

in regard to Max Mason-6785 and recommending a pardon and expressing doubt as to  
which please have made a part of the records in the case for consideration by the Board at  
the <sup>man's guilt</sup> September

Yours very truly,

*Ellis S. Hedqvist*  
Secretary to the Chairman.

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L. S. NELSON, JUDGE

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Thirteenth Judicial District

Washington, Minnesota

April 27, 1925.

Mr. H. B. Whittier,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

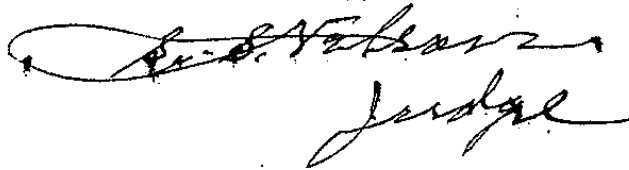
In re Max Mason.

Max Mason, who was tried and convicted in my court in St. Louis county, and sentenced to stillwater penitentiary - I have always had some doubt about his guilt, and had it not been that his counsel raised some legal questions that I thought should be passed upon by the Supreme Court, I was of the intention to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial.

In the evidence, it appeared from the testimony of the girl in question and her escort that five of the negroes had intercourse with her while she was in a faint, and her family physician who examined her about ten o'clock the following day found no trace of any one having had intercourse with her, as her organs were normal, no bruises, no inflammation - that while it was possible that they could have had intercourse with her, it did not appear to be probable, and the evidence of identification was far from satisfactory.

I am of the opinion that Max Mason should be pardoned at this time. I, therefore, earnestly recommend that he be either paroled or pardoned.

Yours truly,

  
Judge