

allowed to be used in this prison?

Q I never knew of any such instrument as that. Neither did I ^{ever} believe that it would be allowed to be used.

2 I will ask you if you had known that it had been used and that there was such an instrument, while you were Captain of the Night-Watch, would you have considered it your duty to have reported it immediately to your Superior Officers?

Q I should.

2 The Board of Commissioners now desire you to state to them if you know, or have an impression that there has been any punishment inflicted upon any convict during the time of your connection with this prison ~~which you consider~~ as an officer or employee, except the cases of Reid and Harris,

which you considered brutal or uncalled for; if so, state what it is?

Q To that I would answer no. I have no knowledge of any; neither had I any impression that there was any.

2 Is there any other matter that you desire or can state to the Board of Commissioners in regard to the punishment of convicts in the prison?

A There is nothing that I can state or nothing that I know of that I can state, that would enlighten the Board any.

Commissioner S. H. Jones:— As an officer and being Captain of the night watch, did you find it always necessary, to preserve the discipline of the prison, to keep order in the solitary

A I should deem it strictly necessary.

Commissioner A. M. Jones:— Why? —

Well, in the first place I should deem it strictly necessary that we should have strict order and discipline ^{here} in order to keep control of the convicts, or they would be very apt to get the start of us one way or the other. If we did not keep strict discipline, one little infraction would lead to another, and so it would grow and it might become so large that it would become unmanageable.

John Bossingham,
being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination By
Commissioner A. M. Jones.

2 What is your name?

2 John Bossingham.

302 2 Please state to the Board of

Commissioners if you are an employee of the prison?

Yes sir, I am.

In what capacity?

A Keeper.

How long have you been a Keeper, about how long?

This last time ever since the Spring of 1872, the 19th of March 1872.

The first time how long?

About four years.

Commissioner S. H. Jones:— You have been here about ten years altogether?

Yes sir.

Commissioner A. M. Jones:— In order to refresh your memory and call your attention particularly, there is evidence before the Board of Commissioners to this effect: "John Rossingham told me that another guard E. A. Beatty had orders to strap John Anderson from Deputy Warden Mayhew if he made any noise" I will now ask you if you

have ever told any guard, employee or officer of the prison anything of this kind?

Answer Sir.

2 Please state to the Board of Commissioners when you stated it to and what you stated?

I stated it to Mr. Stephen Reed.

2 What was his position here?

I Keeper of the Solitary.

2 Now state what you stated to him?

I told him that Mr. Beatty told me that he was talking - well, that the Deputy, Mr. Mayhew told him if Anderson did not keep still, he was to strap him. I would like to state it as Mr. Beatty stated it to me.

2 That is what we want.

I went into the wing, and Anderson was my man - I was checking my book, and I

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asked Beatty how Anderson was getting along, and he said he was up-talking to him and he talked very reasonable and he didn't think there was anything the matter with him, and I told him that if he didn't keep still what I would do with him ~~what I do~~ - that I would strap him, and say he "Mr. ^[Mr. Beatty] Mayberr told me if he didn't keep still that I could strap him.

2 Have you ever strapped a man in this prison?

Ans sir.

2 Have you ever received orders from any one in this prison to do so?

Ans sir.

2 Do you know that any convict has ever been strapped in this prison?

Ans sir.

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trapped in this prison?

Q No sir, I have not.

Warden McClaughry: — How long ago was it that Beatty told you that?

A I think it was sometime along in the winter time.

Q You were then in charge of the yard gang, were you?

A Yes sir.

Q And Anderson had been locked up in the North wing?

A Yes sir; he was there in the cells.

Q Did you report this conversation that you got from Mr. Beatty or any officer of this prison?

A No sir, I never said a word to anybody.

Q Did you think it your duty or not to do so?

A No sir, I did not.

Q Did you then, or do you now think the Board of Commissioners or the Warden