

the mark in which that depression existed was a pressure that was done soon after death, and before rigor mortis took place.

Q Could that not have been made, in your opinion, with this strap?

A No sir, not ante mortem.

It could not have been made in my opinion with a strap.

Q What might have produced it in your opinion. State some cases?

A It might have been that he layed on a bed of iron or any rigid object that pressed the weight of the body against it, or by a fall, or ~~by~~^{on} the boards or any where where there was an elevation to produce that depression.

Q Could it be possible to do that, in your opinion, lapping over, as it did, in that manner?

the work in which it
was engaged was a
great deal more than
before, and, at last,
it took place.

It could not have been
with, in your opinion, with
this staff?

and, in fact, it was
not until it had been
in my opinion with a
staff that it was
in your opinion, that some
cases?

It might have been that
we were faced with a
large number of things
the night of the 1st of
the month, or, at least,
there was no doubt that
there was a great deal
of work to be done.

It could be said that
it was in your opinion,
that it was, in fact, more
than in the past.

I cannot account for how it could be produced there. He was moved from the solitary to the hospital department, and how they handled him there, I don't know.

2 If this mark was continuous - that is, if the lines were regular, showing no lap, passing forticey round the ham or thigh, could it have been made by lying on anything?

It would be very difficult to get a surrounding wrinkle from lying on anything without it was a rope or something of that kind.

2 Something that was liable to twist and tighten?

Yes sir, something that was liable to twist and tighten, and left on for some time. The pantalons might have a wrinkle and the lying on it might have compressed it.

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that a mark upon the body of a person that leaves an indentation is post mortem?

Q If it is made soon after death, it would. If it had been made an hour or two afterwards, it would leave the same impression.

Commissioner Delaney: - Do I understand you to say that you saw any marks on the body or on the leg of this convict Reid that indicated to you that it was post mortem?

A Yes sir.

Q Where were these?

A I am not positive, but I think I saw one on the thigh or on the hand.

Q What was the extent of this width and length?

Q They were about from a half to a quarter of an inch - it looks as though some depression was there. In other shots they were not larger

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