

Returning down the steps my friend said, "if we could only find something we would fix him up."

I said, "you find the ginger and I will take care of the rest." Walking only to the first corner I met a friend which I will call Johnny. I had bought moonshine from him in the courthouse while court was in session. He was one of the outstanding young men of the community which the public never suspected of doing any un-

lawful act, and I said to him, "do you have anything on you," and he said, "yes." I gave him five dollars and he put a pint in my pocket. I was standing by the drug store door when my friend came out. He looked surprised saying, "you didn't find anything this soon and if so where." I answered saying, "you know better than to ask me that."

Several years after I was attending court where two young friends of mine were on trial for stealing a ham of meat. They had been to see me to borrow money to pay a lawyer. They were good workers but did not have money as they said they wanted the best. I told them to forget about a lawyer, to just confess. If the Judge knew the truth he would throw the case out of court, because he nor the jury would believe a word they said and would only be mad thinking they were swearing a lie.

The boys took my advice although they let me know they did not like it. So after court the boys were locked up. The Judge seldom pronounced sentence the same day as the trial.

The Judge and I had become close friends and this day I was posted close to the door when he came out, taking me by the arm we strolled slowly toward the hotel.

On the way I said, "what are you going to do to the two boys and he answered saying, "I do not know until I study the case more."

"Well, I said I know how you detest thievery and I feel sorry to see them go to the pen, they are both good workers and have never caused trouble before and to spend time with the other criminals, hearing them tell how they could of won had they had a better lawyer, and had the money to pay for false witness'. That it would be a school of how to get by with crime for them." the next morning he called for them. He talked the roughest I ever heard. Ended in saying, "you are now on parole, meet me here