

ventilation, sewerage, water supply, and the vermin with which the jail is infested and the manner in which the food is served. All this is pictured as if the author had derived inspiration from a communion with Dante. He next comments on the gambling allowed among the prisoners, and expresses some degree of amazement that the courts should allow within the prison the practice of the very offense for which some are imprisoned. He dwells at length upon that prison institution known as "Kangaroo Court," quote many of the prison statutes that prevail, and the manner of their enforcement.

After summarizing and sermonizing, he closes the article with the following strong language: "My statements with reference to the Muskogee jail will not be disputed by any officer of the jail or court.

Innocent men beg to be allowed to plead guilty, at the cost of a term in the penitentiary, to escape longer confinement here. Whether the fault is with Congress or the department of Justice is not clear, but it is at Washington, and not at Muskogee. The authorities tell