

Q Now, page 2, Doctor, you have referred to his discussing his alleged delusions in the jail as being due to prejudice, and then you go on to say "how far these admissions on his part were the frank expression of his real beliefs could not in the nature of the case be absolutely determined." Now, have you, up to the present time, been able to determine whether these beliefs expressed by him in the terms of prejudice were real or whether or not he had not recovered from the delusions which was alleged -- that he is alleged to have had while in jail?

A. That is a very difficult question. On the whole I have had the impression of the patient understanding fairly definitely that these ideas which he had in jail were sick ideas.

The COURT. Were what?

The WITNESS. Were sick -- morbid ideas; and he has himself said that they were due to his prison environment, elaborating that a little, saying "When you are all alone and brooding over things you are liable to develop ideas of that quality." So that on the whole I have had an impression of sincerity when he stated that he realized that he had had delusions.

Q And that is not an uncommon condition, is it, where a man has been in jail for a period of time? In other words, you have found that same condition apply to, I presume, a good many patients in the past?

A. That is a familiar fact that the symptoms which develop under a prison environment very often clear up quite rapidly when a patient is transferred to a civil hospital or granted freedom.

Q And so when you find a man expressing himself as being then free from the delusions, in other words, that he realizes that they