

Mr. THOMPSON. Were any of them told that they would be deported if they did strike?

Mr. PADILLA. Yes. In other words, they have been told that they cannot go out on strike because it was against the law and that when they were given the green card to come into the United States they had sworn they would not violate any law of the United States, and if they did they would be deported.

Mr. THOMPSON. Then they were told that the laws of the United States prohibited them from striking?

Mr. PADILLA. Yes.

Mr. THOMPSON. I see.

Mr. PADILLA. Now, in Starr County, the sheriff of Starr County is a doctor of Starr County, and the county judge of Starr County is the other doctor of Starr County, so Starr County has two doctors, the judge and the sheriff.

Mr. THOMPSON. You mean medical doctors?

Mr. PADILLA. Medical doctors, M.D.'s.

Now the county counsel, who is supposed to be the district attorney, represents La Casita Farms, Starr Produce, and El Negro Ranch; he is the representative of the growers and he is the prosecutor of the county.

We have had 56 arrests between June 1, 1966, up to January 20, 1967. It is very interesting that we had 56 arrests but no prosecutions.

Mr. THOMPSON. What were the charges against those arrested?

Mr. PADILLA. One charge was secondary picketing.

Mr. THOMPSON. Secondary picketing?

Mr. PADILLA. Secondary picketing. This is not all. To top it all, besides having the sheriff—

Mr. THOMPSON. Don't hurry it.

Mr. PADILLA. All right. I was just going to inject something that goes with the law that they brought in—

Mr. THOMPSON. This was an arrest made for secondary picketing?

Mr. PADILLA. Right.

Mr. THOMPSON. If my information is correct, the arrest was made under a law which had been declared unconstitutional?

Mr. PADILLA. That is right. See, they have funny laws in Texas.

They don't arrest them the same day, they wait a week and then one day they walk down the street and say, "The judge wants to see you," and they get in the car and when they get to the courthouse then they are under arrest.

Mr. THOMPSON. I see. Then do they post bond?

Mr. PADILLA. Yes.

Mr. THOMPSON. How much is the bond?

Mr. PADILLA. Some bonds run up to \$1,500.

Mr. THOMPSON. \$1,500?

Mr. PADILLA. Right.

Mr. THOMPSON. For secondary picketing?

Mr. PADILLA. For secondary picketing and unlawful assembly.

Mr. THOMPSON. How much does it cost a man who has been arrested for secondary picketing and is held on \$1,500 bond? What does he have to pay the bondsman?

Mr. PADILLA. That is 10 percent of the \$1,500.

Mr. THOMPSON. \$150?