

\$1.65 and \$1.45, everybody voted and we had a tie election. So things are very unusual in Texas. We have a tie election.

Mr. THOMPSON. Eighteen to eighteen?

Mr. PADILLA. Fourteen to fourteen. We have three challenged votes. This election proves that if the workers have a right under supervision of the Board that they are not going to be scared any more, and it adds to the proof of 56 arrests and 10 months of striking and 10 months of suffering—it proves that the workers want a union.

Mr. THOMPSON. Let me ask you this. The arrests for the strikers on secondary picketing charges, a number of them were made on November 9, 1966.

Mr. PADILLA. That is right. On the day after general election day.

Mr. THOMPSON. But they picketed 6 days earlier on November 3; did they not?

Mr. PADILLA. That is right.

Mr. THOMPSON. Let me ask you one further question. In the course of your organizing, have you ever had any disputes with those who oppose you?

Mr. PADILLA. No.

Mr. THOMPSON. Have there been any persons injured?

Mr. PADILLA. There has been pushing around, slapping on the part of the sheriffs.

Mr. THOMPSON. None of your members have been arrested for assault and battery?

Mr. PADILLA. No.

Mr. THOMPSON. Just breach of the peace, disorderly conduct and secondary picketing.

Mr. PADILLA. Abusive language.

Mr. THOMPSON. And abusive language.

Mr. PADILLA. Praying.

Mr. THOMPSON. I see.

Mr. PADILLA. You know, it is fantastic, I don't know if you believe this, I had requested some priests to come down because it was such a mess and some five priests came from San Antonio to be on the picket line and to talk to the strikebreakers from Mexico. The five priests and some other workers were standing adjacent to the La Casita Farms on private property. One of our members who owns that property has given us permission to go on his property, and they were arrested for disturbing the peace.

Mr. THOMPSON. What were they doing?

Mr. PADILLA. They were standing adjacent to the La Casita property.

Mr. THOMPSON. Were they taken to jail?

Mr. PADILLA. They were taken to jail.

Mr. THOMPSON. Did they have to post bond?

Mr. PADILLA. Yes.

Mr. THOMPSON. Have those cases been tried yet?

Mr. PADILLA. No; none of the cases have been tried. They say that my case got lost in the files because they could not find it.

Mr. THOMPSON. I see.

Mr. PADILLA. I would like to have Mr. Arredondo talk now about what happened.

Mr. THOMPSON. I would like to hear from him.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. Arredondo is one of the original strikers that walked out.