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"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots gave their lives and fortunes. I, therefore believe it my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Not In Oklahoma

ON the eve of Thanksgiving Day 105 Texas convicts were given their freedom by the Texas governor. In a single hour, as it were, the verdicts of 105 trial juries were reversed and their judgments nullified. In a single hour, as it were, 105 criminals won before a callous executive something they failed to win in a court of justice. More than 1,200 trial jurors saw their labors go for naught and 105 hardened criminals laughed long and loud at the mandate of the law. Of the 105 let loose on society twenty-seven were convicted of murder or murderous assault.

It is not for Oklahoma to sneer at this wholesale insult to Texas justice, for the time it not so very remote when Oklahoma also suffered from wholesale nullification of law and justice. But this exhibition of sympathy for criminals down on the Colorado should give law-loving Oklahomans renewed cause for thankfulness that the stain has been lifted from Oklahoma, for the time at least, and that we now have a chief executive who has sufficient respect for law not to open wide the doors of the penitentiary and release the prisoners by companies and regiments.