

September 9, 1941.

Mrs. Fanita B. Houts,
Central Missouri State Teachers College,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Houts:

When I returned from St. Joseph Thursday evening I found that my next three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, were taken up so thoroughly that I could not even dictate a letter to you telling you of the trip that I made to St. Joseph with Wilson. I wanted to immediately send you the State Hospital No. 2 receipt signed by Dr. J. R. Bunch. Hale had given me a draft for \$90.00, which was assigned to me, and I endorsed it for Dr. Bunch.

Milton and Bobby Allen accompanied me on the trip. I went to Kansas City to the Troost Arms Hotel and talked to Wilson, but before I had gone out to Wilson I stopped to see Hale so that the papers could be arranged properly without too much delay. It was necessary that Wilson have the endorsement of two physicians and the county clerk should sign for Wilson's bond of \$500.00. Wilson and out two boys then drove down to Dr. Gibson's office in the Professional Building where Wilson interviewed Dr. Gibson and Dr. John Hayden.

We then went back to Hale's office and after all papers were signed we started for St. Joseph. Just before we started, however, we went back to the Troost Arms and made all arrangements on checking out, then drove over to 3126 Forest Avenue to Alyne Houts' hotel and left Alyne's and Wilson's car in charge of the landlady there. Wilson had an electric fan and he gave the landlady \$2.00 to give to Alyne. Then the landlady took the fan and told us that she would see that Alyne got the car which we parked beside a filling station just off from the apartment. He explained to the landlady where we were going, and I gave Wilson's forwarding address to the landlady at the Troost Arms Hotel and at the apartment on Forest Avenue.

Wilson went into the place as a voluntary patient and he read all the papers while we were enroute to St. Joseph. He had looked them over when in company with Hale, but on the way to St. Joseph he asked again to see them and I turned over all the papers to him. He said then, "I can get out when I want to, can't I, because I am entering as a voluntary patient?" I said to him in good faith, "I imagine you can because you are not committed there by the state. As a private patient it is different than where the state assumes the full responsibility."