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There passed through Skagway the other day Falcon Joslyn, a captain of pioneers, known to all Alaskans as an energetic, level headed man of this north land, one who has done more than the average for its development and one who keeps at work along the same lines, hoping and expecting to accomplish much more. It was Falcon Joslyn who carried up the long stretch of ocean and over the mountains and down the rivers and up the rivers and again over the hill of the far interior those engines and rails and supplies that now constitute the Tanana Mines railroad; who brought that railroad into being in the heart of the wilderness in an amazingly short space of time and so carried relief to the miners at work in that difficult country. To have heard this practical business man talk of the conditions that embarrass that wonderful Tanana country, hold its development in check, to have seen his throat swell with feeling and heard his voice tremble with vibrant indignation as he cried, "Yes, quote me, quote me if you wish—it is a thing that should be known and must be known and how else save through the freest publicity. I say only what I know—quote me by all means. There never was a condition that could compare with it out of Russia and I question if greater injustice has been done there. The whole country has been tied up with litigation, men waiting upon the judgment of the courts while the courts are not in session, or delay month after month with their decisions until these months run away with the seasons into years and that for which these men have struggled and starved and frozen, and through these sufferings and voluntary privations GAINED, are lost to them. I have been witness of so much miscarriage of justice for the withholding of judgment and delay in coming to trial is to be classed under this head—that my wonder at what men do in their struggle for their own, against powerful outlaws, has changed to amazement rather at their self-restraint. You remember that the court at San Francisco, in rendering judgment in the Nome cases was so impressed at this self-restraint of the victimized miners that it went out of its way to remark upon it. Surely if the conditions obtaining in the Tanana were equally well known it would draw forth like encomium. The Dome creek cases are only samples of a condition that is general. After waiting for a whole season for the peaceful adjudication of cases which they went into court to secure Judge Reid came in there and opened a session, announcing that he intended to "clean up the docket." The whole country was rejoiced to hear it. He began holding a continuous session day and night. Every man was expected to be ready when called. Lawyers explained that in the long interval of waiting their witnesses had scattered—some were up at the Salchaket, others at Kantishna, Hot Springs, etc.—it would take time to summon them. The reply was "it makes no difference; you must be ready—I am going to clean up this docket." And so he did. There are two things to be considered in the administration of justice; one is to give both sides a fair opportunity to present their case; the other is that both sides shall feel, when it is over, that they have been fairly heard. As a result of

the session of court held in this fashion all litigants were consumed with a sense of wrong—those that won laughed, no doubt, and those that lost groaned, but neither felt that the cases had really been tried on their merits. After a month of this hurried form of hearing cases the court adjourned and the judge went outside promising to return in July. He has not returned. Men have been lying in a foul jail there not intended as a prison, but merely as a place of temporary detention and the like of which, as a prison, does not probably exist in Russia. Such outrage is demoralizing a people naturally law-abiding. They are losing all respect for constituted authority—they see where force is successful and they adopt that method. For the rich and powerful are constantly taking advantage of this condition to harass the merely honest and industrious. The rich can afford to wait. Claims are jumped, association claims are made to overlap previous locations, injunctions are secured, exactly after the manner in which Nome was tied up, and then the waiting game commences. Or the more powerful begin operations, driving off the weaker claimant. This is the history of the Dome creek cases, with a score of entangling ramifications. The shooting of Ridenour was the direct result of the most shameless bit of juggling with a man who was acting in good faith and the settlement of those cases was the result of that shooting—made out of a dread of threatening results. Many cases have come under my observation where men sent out by owners of claims to work on lays decided, when they found gold, that they had as much right to it as the man who sent them. They hold tenaciously to this belief because they see others win that way. It then becomes, in the absence of the court, a question of main strength. It is these conditions that breed murder, suicide and insanity. Only those who live in the midst of them can fully realize what it all means. But the first action Judge Reid took upon arriving at Fairbanks was to close the dance halls and when he went outside he boasted that he was not going to allow Alaskans to be demoralized by the saloons. I want to tell you that no evil which can come before the court for suppression can begin to equal in its demoralizing effect this conduct of the court itself." Skagway Alaskan.

On October 1st the first mail for the interior was started over the Valdez trail. Until Nov. 1 the total per week is limited to 1,600 pounds, but after that date it is to be increased to 4,000 pounds. The tri-weekly stage service is to be gradually increased as the season advances until about the first of February it is expected that the business will demand a stage every day in the week.

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