I come to you with an appeal to stop the brutal mutilation of the inmates of the Indiana State institutions. At Jeffersonville during the past few years there has been 339 men sterilized - 119 of these under the House Bill 364 approved March 9th, 1907, and 220 without any warrant of law.

I understand that Mr. Whittaker has the written consent of the 220 cases before the law was passed.

It is an easy matter to get the consent of a man when you have him in your power from two to fourteen years. The burglar often gets the consent of a man to take his money by holding a lighted torch to his feet.

It too often happens that Wardens and Superintendants of the State Institutions get to thinking that the institutions were made for them and not for the inmates. I will enclose page 52 of the report of the Indiana Reformatory as evidence of the mutilation of the 119 men and will give evidence of the 220 if needed. This law should be repealed at once for it is only equaled in viciousness by rape itself.

Very Respectfully Yours,