

Those who took our child must be asleep, or dreaming that it is theirs. We had heard that the child had been placed in safety in the White Man's Court, where all the wisdom and all the laws were, and we felt satisfied that justice would be done, and our child given back to us. I and the chiefs were called as witnesses. I was asked if I knew the nature of an oath. I said I did, that I knew there was a God above, who would punish me if I did not speak true. And I was not afraid to kiss the book, because I told the truth. I said the child was ours. But after proving it ours, and the decision given in our favor, the child was stolen from us in defiance of law.

"We next heard of the child in Illinois, and all the Chiefs authorized Dr. Huebschmann, our new Superintendent, to go and get the child back if he could. And he promised to do so. They gave the Doctor full power to act for them, and to take the child wherever he could find him. It was their unanimous request, and they selected Dr. Huebschmann, because he was the Agent of our Great Father. We were very glad to hear that the Doctor had found the child. We thought him safe in the jail, in the care of the officers; that none could get the child away from there, unless the law gave them the right. We cannot but think, it must have been an Evil Spirit that got into the jail and took away our child. We thought the white man's law strong, and are sorry to find it so weak.

"I shake hands with you, as a writer. I shake hands with the Great Father, the President, and those who make the laws. I appeal to them to return us our lost child. When we get him again, we shall educate him like the whites. But let us have our child back. Write strong, my friend!"

With this closing admonition Souigny shook hands and finished his talk. Our readers are familiar with the wrong of which the Menomonees complain. It is the case of the boy claimed both by an Indian and a white mother. The case was fairly tried two years ago before Commissioner Buttrick, at Oshkosh. The Commissioner, after a patient hearing, decided in favor of the Indian claimants, and directed the Sheriff to