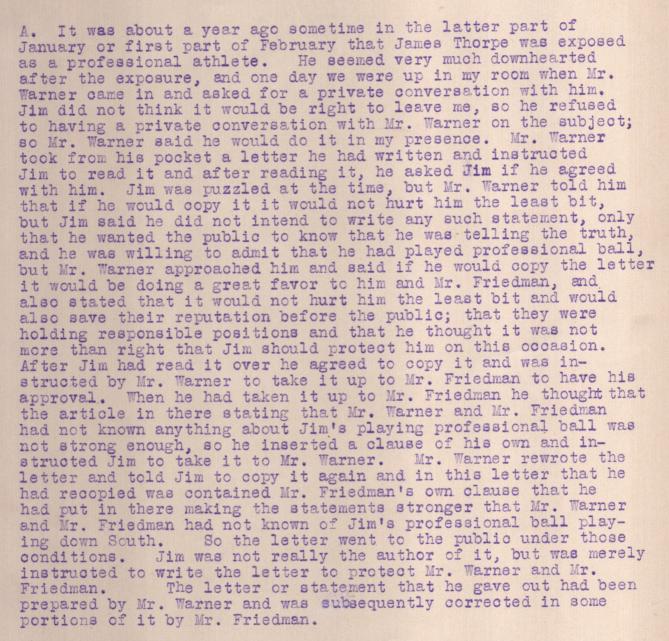
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State of Pennsylvania) ss. County of Cumberland

Gus Welch being duly sworn by E. B. Linnen, Chief Inspector, testifies under oath as follows:

- Q. Please state your name and age.
- A. Gus Welch, age twenty-two.
- Q. Are you a member of the student-body at Carlisle Indian School?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. How many years have you been attending this school?
- A. About five and one-half years I have been enrolled as a student here.
- Q. Are you an Indian?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. Member of what tribe?
- A. The Chippewa Tribe.
- Q. Your home is in Wisconsin, is it not?
- A. Yes sir, at Spooner, Wisconsin.
- Q. You are very well acquainted with Coach G. S. Warner?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. And were you well acquainted with a former student and Indian at said Carlisle school by the name of James Thorpe? Were you and James Thorpe on very intimate terms?
- A. Yes sir, we were great friends.
- Q. I wish you would now state in your own language just what you know with relation to a certain letter or statement which was presumed to have been written by James Thorpe regarding his being a professional athlete, particularly relating to base ball, and participating as an amateur track man.



- Q. Was it written by James Thorpe in his own hand writing:
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. And he was prevailed upon by Mr. Warner and Mr. Friedman to give out that statement to protect them, was he?
- A. Yes sir. Those are the very words that Mr. Warner used when he approached Jim to carry out the scheme. And furthermore there was no doubt but that they knew of Jim's professionalism down South, for they were corresponding with him while he was playing ball

down there and he did not return to the school that fall, but Mr. Warner had written him several letters trying to urge him to return for the sake of playing foot ball, which he did not do until the fall of 1911.

Q. Then he returned in the fall of 1911 and was again enrolled at said school for the purpose of engaging in athletics, and particularly playing foot ball? 1 welch

A. Yes sir.

Subscribed and sworn before me at Carlisle, Pennsylvania,

this twenty-first day of March, A. D., 1914.