W. Severance; Mr. and Mrs. Mizner, late United States minister to Guatemala; Hon. and Mrs. W. G. Irwin; Lieut. Dyer, U. S. Navy; Dr. Clarke, U. S. Navy; Mrs. Henry Waterhouse and others.

Q. These people were invited to meet the Queen, were they?
A. Yes, sir.

I have carefully read the foregoing and pronounce it to be an accurate report of my interview with Mr. Blount.

J. O. CARTER.

HONOLULU, June 10, 1893.

No. 16.

Interview with H. Center, Honolulu, June 24, 1893.

Q. Where do you reside?
A. Spreckelsville, Maui.

Q. What is your occupation.
A. Manager of the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company.

Q. How long have you been in the Hawaiian Islands?
A. Nearly sixteen years.

Q. When a laborer works carelessly, what remedy have you under the law to compel him to work?
A. We sue him for damages in court. If I can prove what is a proper day's work, and a man does not do it, I can sue him for the amount of work not performed. You can not deduct by law from their pay. We do sometimes deduct and the man stands it because he escapes thereby the cost of court, which is about $3.50 in addition to the loss of pay. If they were paid 50 cents a day, if he did only half a day's work, we should only sue him for 25 cents, but if he lost his case he would have to pay $3.50 in addition.

Q. If a laborer leaves his employer during the contract term what remedy does the law furnish to compel him to return to his employer?
A. Upon producing the contract before the district judge and entering a complaint the judge issues a warrant, which is served by the Government police, and the party must be tried forty eight hours after being put in jail. If convicted and it is his first offense on that contract he will be reprimanded, ordered back to work, and charged costs. On the second offense on the same contract he is fined or imprisoned and charged costs if convicted, and after the expiration of his imprisonment ordered back to work. The third offense he is fined or imprisoned three months, and all further offenses are punished at the discretion of the court.

Q. Can the natives generally read and write?
A. Yes; it is very seldom you find a native who can not read and write very well. Generally the Kanaka language, but very frequently English. They are learning more English now.

Q. What is the disposition of the native population towards the Provisional Government?
A. Hostile, altogether hostile, so far as I have come in contact with them. They dread to lose their ancient customs and rights, and also because there was an attempt made to disfranchise them.

Q. What is their general character for uprightness?
A. They are honest and straightforward. They are remarkably true to any one who is true to them. They would steal nothing.