Q. Do you know what this constitution the Queen intended to proclaim contained in that connection?
A. No one in this community knows.
Q. You do know that the demand from the people was for the election of nobles by all classes of the people?
A. Yes; without any qualification.
Q. Well, please go on with your statement.
A. Many people went into the palace to see the Queen and also Kalakaua, and they sent a petition to the Queen and also to the legislature, and called a mass meeting, and that is the only reason Wilcox is elected; also Mr. Bush and Antoné Rosa, and also the reason why they were elected in 1890.
Q. On the idea of making a new constitution on the ground these petitions asked for?
A. Yes; and also in 1892.
Q. In the elections of 1890 and 1892 the line of division amongst the people was upon that question of a new constitution, giving everybody the right to vote for nobles and representatives?
A. Yes; for any candidates running to oppose that view it was impossible for that man to go to the legislature in 1890 and 1892. They did not want the idea of taking all the power from the Queen. Under this constitution they took every power from the Queen.
Q. What power did they want to give the Queen?
A. In regard to veto. They wanted to give some power to the Queen. A bill goes to Her Majesty. They want to give that privilege to the Queen; if she thinks a bill not proper, not right, she should have the right to veto it.
Q. She did have that power and exercised it, didn’t she?
A. After the case came before the court, the court decided in favor of her power to veto.
Q. When was that decision made?
A. I think about 1888 or 1889. It was after 1887.
Q. If that was settled by the court in 1888 or 1889, it would hardly be in the campaign in 1890 and 1892?
A. The real object of the people was for the constitution. They did not care about the veto question. They claimed the constitution was forced on Kalakaua. The people wanted a new constitution.
Q. You say the constitution was forced on Kalakaua. How was it forced on him?
A. He did not like this constitution.
Q. Why did he proclaim it?
A. People told him “if you don’t sign this constitution we will overthrow you.”
Q. What people?
A. White men—foreigners.
Q. Where did they live?
A. Here.
Q. And in the other islands?
A. In this island and in the other islands. I saw some from other islands.
Q. How many?
A. Saw only one that I remember.
Q. Any natives in the meeting which demanded the new constitution of Kalakaua?
A. Very few. About three or four natives went there.
Q. The native population is in the majority. Why didn’t they stand