a plantation; Anderson, one of the nobles of Walluku, and Al Wilcox, of Kauai, owner of a plantation. That class of men. The most responsible men in the community.

**MR. BLOUNT:** Generally large property owners?

**MR. SCOTT:** Yes, and representatives of property interests.

**MR. BLOUNT:** Who made up the other side; what class of men?

**MR. SCOTT:** About fifteen natives, whose names you could not write down, coming from various outer districts. Did not, perhaps, represent $500 worth of property in the country. The men on this side who did represent property were Cummins, who had a large property once, but like all other Hawaiians, wasted it and is heavily in debt, and Peterson (he was in the ministry).

**MR. BLOUNT:** These were both natives?

**MR. SCOTT:** Yes. I do not know of any white men on that side. I think perhaps a few, three or four, did remain just for appearance's sake.

**MR. BLOUNT:** Let me ask you, were they all natives on that side?

**MR. SCOTT:** The side that stayed in?

**MR. BLOUNT:** Yes.

**MR. SCOTT:** Generally natives.

**MR. BLOUNT:** What else besides natives?

**MR. SCOTT:** They were nearly all natives. Some few half-castes like Mr. White, of Lahaina. They were nearly all natives or half white men. The English, I think, and the Americans, the nobles and the representative men, all absented themselves to a man. At the time I was at Wakiki, I moved out to Wakiki, I think it was about 2 o'clock.

**MR. BLOUNT:** What day?

**MR. SCOTT:** The same day. I think it was about 2 o'clock Saturday. I have forgotten the day of the month. We were startled at Wakiki—we were all there on Saturday afternoon. We heard that the Queen had proclaimed a new constitution. I do not know whether the message was that she had or was going to proclaim a new constitution.Everybody was on the qui vive. I did not go up at all. It seems that she had invited a number of legislators, I do not know how many, over to the palace to partake of some kind of a collation, but before the collation came around, I believe it was before, she sent for the ministers. She was dressed in her robes of state. She said she had proclaimed this constitution or was going to and wanted them to sign it, I was told, without reading it.

I was told by men who were there. This is hearsay. When they said they had not read it she said, "Why do you say so, when you have had it in your pocket three weeks." She told them she did not want to hear any more advice. She said, "You know if I go out and proclaim it to my people they may come in and tear you limb from limb."

**MR. BLOUNT:** How did you get that information? Just in the same way?

**MR. SCOTT:** I got it from Chief Justice Judd. He said she looked like a fiend.

**MR. BLOUNT:** Please go on.

**MR. SCOTT:** Well, I believe it was told me, two or more were inclined to sign. Peterson and Colburn refused, and asked for time. They went over to the Government building. Colburn went down to W. O. Smith's office and asked what support they could get from the community if they refused to sign it. He advised them not to sign it; said that they would have the support of all the better element of the community.