Q. The larger part of the population here is not white?
A. No, sir; they are not—whites only a small minority.
Q. Well, then, if the Portuguese and the Japanese and the Kanakas were allowed suffrage, would they not overthrow the political power of what is called the best people here?
A. The Hawaiians alone would do it without the aid of the other elements.
Q. With that in view, what is the expectation of the better class as to the question of suffrage in connection with their desire for annexation?
A. The original intention was—which is a matter of history—to apply for union with the United States and to be accepted by them under a territorial form of government.
Q. And so avoid the suffrage question?
A. Yes.
Q. Looking to the fact that, as you have said, the native population would overwhelm the better elements in any political contest if manhood suffrage was adopted, what condition, what relation could they hope to have with the Government of the United States to protect them from that situation?
A. A territorial form of government, formed on lines parallel to the government of the District of Columbia. That was the original idea and expectation when the Queen was dethroned.
Q. After the Provisional Government was established?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. You say that was the original idea?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. What is the idea now—any change of feeling or belief or hope?
A. I do not think so. I think the feeling remains the same; but, in view of the opposition which this has brought forth, the matter has now evolved into a desire to give them civil rights.
Q. Who?
A. The Hawaiians.
Q. To what extent?
A. Votes.
Q. Without qualification?
A. That has not been entered into, so far as I know.
Q. Do you think, in view of what you have said about the Government being overwhelmed by a popular vote, would you suppose they would be satisfied to go into the Union, giving unqualified suffrage to the native population?
A. I do not think they look that far ahead. I believe that the suffrage given to the Hawaiians would make them a football and an object which different political parties would try their best to get hold of. At the same time the Hawaiian has no love for the present dynasty of sovereigns.
Q. And if the question of annexation was submitted now?
A. It would be overwhelmingly defeated.
Q. By whom?
A. By the Hawaiians.
Q. Have you thought over that, and are you giving me your deliberate opinion?
A. I have studied the matter carefully.
Q. Then I will ask you why it is that so many of the native population are signing petitions in favor of annexation?
A. It illustrates the natural instability and unreliability of the