

DitM - Jack Corn – 04 Crowded Jails, Networks of Good

Transcript of Audio from the Backstory

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00:00:02 This was a story about putting young people in prison for little or nothing. The jails were jam packed [with] people all the time. A lot of people didn't like that. They thought that they shouldn't do that. And it was pitiful – it was really just pitiful. But they were almost always from extremely poor families and [they're] not murderers or anything. They just basically are out of work.

00:00:28 And one of them 'played hooky' [skipped school] all time and they had him in jail. And it's a rich guy out in Belle Meade came [and] he just got the kid out and made his bail (or whatever), and helped the family and helped him get a job. And he saw that picture and he called me about it and told me said, 'They've got a whole bunch of kids in jail – Jack, that's not right. And [I] said, 'No.' And so I went down into jail. They let me in and took the picture, but they were angry at me later and told me they [weren't] going to let me anymore in down there. I said, 'OK, that's fine with me.' But we need to see this kind of thing. Because it's not right to have that many kids in the cell.

00:01:06 And I had some social workers who, they would call me, because I had no way of knowing about it. You know, I wouldn't accidentally stumble through the jail on them, you know. But we'd run a few pictures like this. They will call you and say, 'Hey, I know something.' And sometimes, you know, it doesn't work out, but it don't hurt to look at it.