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About 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. on Sunday October 18, 1964, I was on my way back from McComb to Tylertown when a City Police car stopped me on Summit Street, McComb. They accused me of drunken driving and I was taken back to the City Hall where I was charged with the offense. I had only had two beers previous to being picked up and was not drunk; but I knew that they would arrest me anyway so I pleaded guilty. They told me the fine would be \$112.00. I did not have the money with me and I had to spend the night in jail. When I got home the next day, I learned that on the Police Report over McComb radio in the morning, it had been said that I had been arrested for picking pockets and shoplifting. This was completely untrue. When I went back to the City Hall and asked why they had told the radio station this, they just said that they didn't know anything about it.

The City policeman who questioned me when I was stopped and who subsequently charged me at the City Hall is well known to McComb residents as "Big John".

"One Man, One Vote"