

Convict Is Slain And Guard Hurt In Prison Break

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Prisoners Use Pitchfork as Weapon in Mutiny at Penitentiary Farm.

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HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 19.—Guard J. R. Hinson of the Eastham prison farm was in a serious condition on Wednesday at his home in Weldon as a result of a prison break at the farm last Saturday, in which Chuck Wilson, serving twenty years for robbery in Pampa, was shot to death by a posse.

Hinson was struck over the head with a pitchfork by convicts working in a hay field at the farm. It is believed his skull may be fractured.

Hinson was knocked from his horse by a convict and his gun and pistol taken. Wilson and two other prisoners, Buchan Dean, serving fifteen years from Hill County for robbery, and H. G. Daniels, 20-year term from Bexar County for robbery, dashed for liberty, but the rest of the work detail carried Hinson to the hospital.

A posse with bloodhounds cornered Wilson about 8 p. m. Saturday. Capt. B. B. Monzingo, in charge of the farm, said Wilson refused to surrender and he was shot by the guards, who thought he was still armed with Hinson's gun.

Justice of the Peace Ivins of Weldon returned a verdict of death from gunshot wounds at the hands of John Cothorn. Cothorn is a guard at Eastham farm.

The posse caught the other two convicts near Madisonville Sunday after an all-night hunt.