This novel was about an unbelievable but genuine adventure. Its author was a black businessman who was brought up un America. In 1950, he visited Africa, his birthplace. One day, when he was wandering on the pavement near the bay enjoying the sea scenes, he lost his money and passport that he kept in an envelope. So he went to the embassy to seek help, but the ambassador with rude manners didn’t permit his staff to help though he bowed to him. Staring at his impatient face, he understood that it was the fault of his skin colour that accounted for their refection. So he decided to take a chance to sail on a small boat home.

He met a large amount of difficulty but was never stopped. On the contrary, difficulty pushed him to go ahead harder. There months later, he was spotted by a ship by accident. He was in rags indeed. A maid even screamed when bringing him a steak and pineapple dessert. Aboard, he earned his passage by working as a barber and got home finally. As for the name of his novel, he couldn’t think of a better one than phrase “Go Ahead”.

Missouri：密苏里州

Mississippi：密西西比河

boyhood：少年时代

fathom：长度单位

narrator：讲述者

bet：n/vi/vt 赌

make a bet：打赌

penniless：贫困的

nightfall：黄昏

unpaid：未付款的

charity：n 慈善，施舍

issue：vt/vi 发行

fake：n 假货，欺骗；假的