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### Texan Indicted on Charges Of Holding Alien in Peonage

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A Federal grand jury has **indicted** a seafood company owner on **charges** involving **holding** an illegal Mexican **alien** against his will at an oyster processing plant.

Benjamin Harrison Nelson, 41 years old, owner of a concern on Galveston Bay, was **indicted** yesterday on two **peonage charges**, two counts of kidnapping with intent to **hold** a slave and aiding in the transportation of an illegal **alien**, the authorities said.

Federal grand jury in Houston (Tex) **indicts** seafood company owner for **holding** illegal Mexican **alien** against his will at oyster processing plant

Mr. Nelson could be sentenced to a maximum of 25 years in prison and fined \$22,000. The indictments came after a chauffeur for the Mexican consul in the border town of Brownsville called the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service and said that his brother had been smuggled to Houston and then to the community of Smith Point, where he was being held against his will.

The chauffeur, in an affidavit filed with immigration officials, said his brother had left the plant once but had been taken back at gunpoint.

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