

## ***Grievances in the Texas Declaration of Independence***

The government [of Mexico] has been stolen from the people and the Constitution is meaningless.

The government has not kept its political promises to its citizens.

<b>1</b>	<b>They [Mexican Government] made us a part of the state of Coahuila and carried on all government business in Spanish.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>They put Stephen F. Austin in jail for a long time.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>They have not given a national guarantee of jury trials.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>They have not provided free public education.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>They have let military commanders have too much authority over us.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>They did away with the state Congress of Coahuila and Texas.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>They have arrested some of us and carried us far away for trial</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>They have taken our boats and merchandise.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>They will not let us worship as we choose.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>They have tried to take away our personal guns.</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>They have invaded us and tried to run us away</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>They have tried to make Indians attack us.</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>They have changed governments too many times.</b>

**We have tried to get help by going to government officials.  
We believe that the Mexican people like this kind of government.  
We must look out for ourselves.**