Dr. Mudd does not agree with St. Helen as to the nature of the fracture.

Dr. Mudd's statement re Booth's fracture, Lincoln Scrap Book. Page 104 -Congressional Library: "After he (Booth) was laid down on that sofa and having told me his leg was fractured by his horse falling on him during his journey up from Richmond. I took a knife and split the leg of his boot down to the instep. slipped it off and the sock with it; I then felt carefully with both hands down along his leg, but at first could discover nothing like crepitation till, after a second investigation. I found on the outside, near the ankle, something that felt like indurated flesh, and then for the first time I concluded it was a direct and clean fracture of the bone. I then improvised out of pasteboard a sort of boot that adhered close enough to the leg to keep it rigidly straight below the knee, without at all interfering with the flexure of the leg. A low cut shoe was substituted for the leather boot."