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The complete victory won from the United States Supreme Court in the appeals of Haywood Patterson and Clarence Norris, is another triumphant proof of the might of mass pressure and mass protest. Without the untiring world-wide mass campaign organized and led by the International Labor Defense and the Communist Party during the four years of the Scottsboro case, this victory would have been impossible.

The most significant aspect of this victory is not alone the reversing of the death sentences against the innocent Negro boys, but the fact that for the first time in its history, the United States Supreme Court was forced to make an unequivocal, clear statement on the illegality of barring Negroes from jury service in the South!

For four years the International Labor Defense has battled this point. The I. L. D. knew that to prove the innocence of the nine Scottsboro Boys was not enough to save them. In its fight it tore open the whole frame-up lynch system of Southern boss rule, exposed the unconstitutional, systematic exclusion of Negro people from jury

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service in the South, demanded enforcement of this right along with all the other rights denied them by the lynch lords of the South.

The International Labor Defense is proud of its victory. And in congratulating all those millions of people, Negro and white, who helped achieve it, we call upon them to follow up this triumph with an uncompromising fight to obtain the complete freedom of all these boys. We call on them to flood the State Supreme Court of Alabama, at Montgomery, Alabama, with demands for the complete freedom of these boys. There must be no re-indictments!

The Supreme Court decision orders the State courts to take the next step. That step must be complete freedom.

Demand this freedom, immediate, unconditional, and with safeguards against the lynchers!

The Herndon case comes up for appeal the middle of this month. Every minute must increase the volume of demands upon this court for his complete freedom. We know what mass protest can accomplish. Let us celebrate the Scottsboro victory by another smashing blow to the whole system of Jim-Crow frame-up rule—the complete freedom of Angelo Herndon.