

HERNDON DEATH TRIAL UP TODAY

Workers Must Defeat Georgia Boss Terror

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 12.—The trial of Angelo Herndon, young Negro organizer, is set for tomorrow. The chain-gang state of Georgia is demanding his life for the "crime" of successfully organizing Negro and white workers together for joint struggle against their common poverty and exploitation. The case is woven out of the same fabric as the Scottsboro frame-up—the monstrous national oppression and special persecution of the Negro people.

Refuse Habeas Corpus Writ.

The court has refused the request of John H. Geer and Benjamin Davis, Jr., Negro attorneys retained by the International Labor Defense, for a writ of habeas corpus. In their request for the writ, the I. L. D. attorneys maintained that the exclusion of Negroes from the Grand Jury invalidated the indictment against Herndon.

At tomorrow's trial, the I. L. D. attorneys will again raise this fundamental issue. They will also offer a motion to squash the entire petit jury panel on the grounds that Negroes have been excluded from it. This is the first time that exclusion of Negroes from juries is being made an issue in Georgia.