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Press Fight for Herndon

THE hearing in Fulton County Superior Court, Atlanta, Ga., on the application for a writ of habeas corpus to rescue Angelo Herndon from the chain gang, showed clearly the line-up of all the reactionary forces in that State in a determined red-baiting drive to send the heroic young Negro labor organizer to torture and death on the chain gang.

Leading the red-baiting were the judge himself, Hugh L. Dorsey, the Assistant Solicitor General Walter LeCraw and Major A. L. Henson, head of the Georgia American Legion Honorary Society. These gentlemen joined in a venomous attack on the democratic rights of the Negro masses, on the program of the Communist Party for the metional liberation of the Negro people. Herndon, they raged, dared to advocate self-determination for the Negro majorities in the "Black Belt" of the South.

In their attempt to blur the fact that Herndon was convicted for leading a successful relief demonstration of Atlanta white and Negro workers, these Georgia officials further convict themselves of fascist-like violence against the rights of the American people to free speech and assembly.

Judge Dorsey will give his decision within the next few days. The fight for Herndon must go on with renewed vigor and determination. Flood Governor Eugene Talmadge with demands for his freedom. Push the campaign for 2,000,000 signatures to the petition for Herndon's release. Rush funds to the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, to enable it to prosecute the mass and legal fight for Herndon's freedom.