

Act Today to Save Herndon from Chain Gang!

AN EDITORIAL

The American Federation of Labor has officially recognized in the "insurrection" law of Georgia one of the sharpest weapons in existence against organized labor. The delegates to the fifty-fifth annual convention of the Federation, in session in Atlantic City, have passed a resolution to support the fight against that law.

Already nineteen persons have been indicted under that law. And every one of the nineteen is an organizer of labor or a member of a labor organization!

Therefore the A. F. of L. convention has called upon organized labor to support the struggle against the "insurrection" law, knowing, as Emil Costello, delegate from Wisconsin,

put it: "There will be a lot of A. F. of L. organizers on the same chain-gangs unless the trade unions throughout the country demand that such laws be stricken from the book."

What is the first step in the fight to smash the Georgia "insurrection" law? The first step is before our very eyes—a pressing task, a great task, which there is all too little time to accomplish. Angelo Herndon, first of the organizers to be convicted in Georgia under the "insurrection" law, is to surrender himself on Oct. 24, in Atlanta, to begin service of his sentence of eighteen to twenty years on the Georgia chain-gang—a sentence of death, for no one has been known to survive for eighteen years the torments and horrors of the chain-gang.

To the workers in industry, particularly to

the members of trade unions, we make this appeal: Enter the fight to free Angelo Herndon as the most effective method of carrying out the resolution of the A. F. of L. to fight the Georgia "insurrection" law.

Rush petitions for Herndon's release to the collection center at Room 610, 80 East 11th Street; flood Governor Talmadge in Atlanta with demands in letters and telegrams, that he exercise at once his power to free Angelo Herndon. Send funds, quickly, to the International Labor Defense, so that last-minute legal steps can be taken to rescue Herndon from the chain-gang. Bring the question up on the floor of the union local; get swift, prompt action in this cause that is so intimately and vitally the cause of all American labor.