

A Pledge to Angelo Herndon

WITH right hands raised high, the hundreds of delegates and visitors to the Herndon Action Conference in New York took a solemn pledge to wage unending struggle for the freedom of this heroic young Negro who today symbolizes, perhaps better than any other person, the fight against reaction in America:

"Fellow-worker and brother, Angelo Herndon, upon you has fallen the agony and the glory of symbolizing those heroic workers of America who, in their struggle for freedom and light, must bear the onslaught of all the dark and evil forces in this country.

"Therefore, Angelo Herndon, we hereby solemnly promise you that we will never cease working, night and day, North and South, to inform all toilers of this nation of your faithfulness and your courage, and to rally them in one great, triumphant movement to set you free."

The example set by the delegated conference in New York must be echoed in every city of America. Pile up petitions and letters to the Governor of Georgia; pour money at whatever sacrifice into the \$3,000 fund that the International Labor Defense needs within the next three days in order that it can take action which may yet wrest Herndon from the Georgia chain gang, that may still cheat the lynchers of their long awaited prey.