

FRANK FARRINGTON'S MACHINE AIDING CAPITALIST COURT TO SEND UNION MINERS TO PRISON

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ZEIGLER, Ill., Nov. 29.—“The entire resources of the organization will be used to bring those to justice who so dastardly attacked the sub-district officials in the discharge of their duties,” was the substance of a telegram sent by Frank Farrington to E. B. Hewlett, one of a committee of three appointed by Orient, Ill., Local 303 of the United Mine Workers to protest to Farrington against the action of sub-district officials bringing to court for prosecution twenty Zeigler miners.

The union miners not only of Orient but of the entire county of Franklin and outside of it are aroused by what is known far and wide to be a frame-up against the progressive miners of Zeigler Local No. 992. The militant membership of Zeigler has always been one of the sharpest thorns in the side of the Farrington machine's attempt at undisputed and autocratic rule.

Farrington Aids Frame-Up.

Farrington is now actively aiding the prosecution to railroad the defendants to the penitentiary. The growing resentment against the actions of Lon Fox and Del Cobb, miners' sub-district officials who are backing the prosecution and bringing the charges, is being answered by Farrington in the words he telegraphed to Orient.

The miners here point out that Farrington conveniently overlooks the years of attacks made by himself and the sub-district machine against the Zeigler officials whom he has finally suspended. The constant robbing of elections and general reign of terror experienced by the local unionists for insisting on their rights and duties as members of the United Mine Workers of America receive no mention from Farrington, who inspired these attacks himself. The

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CAROLINA JAIL OFFICIAL KILLS NEGRO CONVICTS

Prison Head Brutally Beats Inmates

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ALBEMARLE, N. C., Nov. 29.—Tales of most brutal and revolting beatings of Negro convicts for minor infringements of prison discipline are now being related in the trial of M. C. Hanford, Stanley county convict superintendent. Witness after witness that has been called to the box have

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Head of Miners, Aids the Capitalist Courts

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shooting of a progressive Zeigler miner by a known klansman who is being shielded by the Farrington-Fox machine, and the illegal and provocative actions of Fox and Cobb, are also permitted to go by the board in the anxiety of Farrington to rid himself of his union opponents.

Quite a Difference.

Local attorneys and union men are indicating a significant comparison between the Herrin cases and the Zeigler cases. In the Herrin trial all of the legal talent and financial resources of the union were thrown in the balance on the side of the union defense. Farrington made constant assessments on the membership for the Herrin defense because the nationwide publicity given the case drove him into it, because the Herrin unionists were not in opposition to him, and also because, as the miners explain, he was building up a good reputation for himself in order to be able to carry on his current feud with John L. Lewis.

It also developed that Farrington has to this day refused to make accounting for the hundreds of thousands of dollars collected from the miners for the Herrin men.

Miners' Own Money Pays Bill.

In this case, however, the entire machinery of the union, the operators and the klan has been brot to bear against the defendants because the latter's policies have been in opposition to those of the officialdom. It is common talk in the county that the district and sub-district treasuries are at the command of the prosecution and that miners' money will be used to pay attorneys to assist the state prosecuting attorney, Roy Martin, to send the Zeigler men to jail or gallows.

Besides Martin, the prosecution is said to have assisting it in the court Mr. W. P. Seeber, a former United Mine Workers' attorney, A. C. Lewis, a U. M. W. attorney, Rufus Nealy, hired by the U. M. W. and it is declared that added to these will be George R. Stone, another U. M. W. attorney, with the likelihood that Angus Kerr, chief counsel for the district executive board, who defended the Herrin miners, will be brot here to prosecute the miners of Zeigler. Every one of these lawyers, as well as Farrington's whole machine, are republicans and supporters of Governor Small.

Farrington Knives Defense.

Farrington, who has made arrangements for this imposing legal array to put thru the frame-up, has also taken precautions to prevent the defendants from raising funds for their defense. He is interpreting the constitutional clause which declares that locals may expend their funds only for the benefit of the union to mean that they cannot give a penny for the Zeigler defense, since the men involved are "disrupters and red-necks."

Dozens of sympathetic locals know that the minute they vote a donation to the defense will mean the beginning of a similar campaign against them as has been waged against every one that has dared to stand for progressive policies in the union.

The defense is finding it difficult to raise the necessary fund among the miners who have not worked for months and sometimes a couple of years at a time. They are depending upon the workers thruout the country to come to their aid in this case thru contributions to the International Labor Defense which is helping them in their trial. Generous aid is immediately needed by these courageous men who are fighting their honest battle against such desperate odds.

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