Drive To Organize Steel Begins

TWIN BROTHERS

Eighteen Held on Herndon Law in Atlanta Jail

Steel Union to Follow C. I. O. Leadership

TCI Ore Miners Strike Against Layoff, Speed-up

Bessemer, Ala.—All of the T. C. I. ore miners along the ridge of Red Mountain are closed down as the miners continue their strike against the Company's new plan of work. Twenty-five hundred union miners, members of the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers, walked out June 1 when the plan was to go into effect.

The Tennessee Company's new plan of work provides for the laying off of 500 miners, changes the wage system from a hourly rate to a tonnage rate and introduces the speed-up by setting a production standard for each crew of miners. Ore miners whose work is more dangerous than any other group of the men, have a high rate of death and injury. The speed-up increases the danger of accidents.

Company spokesmen and union workers have carried on a campaign of provocation in the mine territory. Their purpose is to disrupt the union miners and break the strike spirit. Ambush shooting along the roads to Muncoda and Labrado mines has been named the work of both sides and private detectives have been hired to create an atmosphere of fear in the camps.

With no real rainfall predicted for the near future, farmers of the Southwestern states are watching their crops die in the dry fields. A limited rainfall last week failed to make a real break in the $100,000,000 drought. The danger of forest fires grows greater. Already flames have destroyed portions of timberlands in Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. Ernie Doyal, Georgia forester, said the menace of undergrowth fires such as destroyed pine in Georgia in 1933 was very serious. Peat bogs, for instance, would burn for days, once they were ignited, unless drenched by rain or trenches of the area.

The provisions for the strikers and poor farmers who depend on their crops to subsist through the year, have been made either by state or local governments. The danger of famines becomes acute to thousands dependent upon the produce of their crops for table food as well as income.

Poor Farmers Face Ruin As Result of Drought

Night Riders Charged With Death of Worker

DETOIT, Mich.—Thirteen members of the Black Legion have been charged with the kidnapping and murder of Charles A. Poole, a young W. P. A. worker. The discovery and exposure of this crime and the murderers have opened up a mine of murder and torture conducted by a group of men who carry out the orders of William Han- dolph Hearst, The Liberty League, and the automobile magnates of this area. Dayton Brown, one of the leaders, confessed to being the executioner of Poole, whom the defendants had decided "was too much." 2

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Poole's death is but one of the many now attributed to the Black Legion, whose ranks include policemen and state guards, and whose policies are those of the Republican and Democratic leaders. After the Black Legion's death in the Black Legion's war, the Union at the 4th and 5th conventions, it was forwarded to the United States Senate and to the Southern Workers Association.

The Ku Klux Klan and the Black Legion serve the interests of the bankers in the hands of big industrialists in northern states.

Steel furnace men acquitted of frame-up

Union Furnace Men Acquitted of Frame-Up

BURLINGTON, Vt.—Three furnaces were destroyed by dynamite and the frame-up charges on which three furnace workers were convicted last year were dismissed by the special jury in the frame-up case. The charge was that the men were guilty of the destruction of furnaces and were the result of a conspiracy to destroy steel furnaces. The three defendants were found guilty and sentenced to five years in prison.
DOWN IN DIXIE

THE WPA workers of the South make less than anywhere else in the country. The worker in the picture gets $1.90 a month. He lives in a broken-down shack. His wife and children are hungry and sick. They don't get enough to eat to make them strong. Their wages are affected by the $10 to $20 a month wage scale. The big bosses of the South use it as a club to keep wages of miners, textile workers, and all other workers, lower than anywhere else in the country. Big manufacturers from the North are coming South to open factories here because labor is so cheap. Labor is cheap in the South because the workers are not organized to fight the low wage scale. Until they build strong unions they can expect only long hours, starvation pay and miserable conditions, under which to work. When the workers of the South organize and build real unions, they will then have a club to hold over the bosses - the strong weapon of organized labor.

Scottsboro Boys Face Murder Court

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Secretly indicted of charges of assault with intent to commit murder, Roy Wright and Ozie Powell, two of the Scottsboro boys, faced trial in connection with the attempted lynching of Powell by Deputy Sheriff Sandlin of Decatur. A ban had already closed Ozie Powell when he and another deputy were returning the boys from Decatur to Birmingham in a car. No trial date has been set for the boys, both of whom Sandlin tried to claim attacked him in the car.

The information about the indictment was given from a bond. "Scottsboro, The Firebrand of Communism." It was written by Flies in Shala, Montgomery lawyer, and Kenneth A. Miller, former newspaper reporter.

The defense hopes to have the charges dismissed, but it is not because of any statement at this time. We honor him for that and we honor the miners of the UMW, who, as framed their constitution that there should be no discrimination against workers because of color, Negro, trade unions, and that such unions must fight for these rights in every union.

It is very clear, however, that the workers who really have the good of their union at heart and who know that the good things of life can come only through their organized and as a part of the labor movement will not be disturbed at the "damnation of the miners," which Altman talks about. They will know that the only way to have a labor movement in Alabama strong enough to protect them is to win the attacks of the Steel Trust, the coal operators, and the mill owners, by organizing solidly, white and Negro. These

90 Strikers Are Arrested In S. Carolina

SPARTANBURG, S. C. — More than 90 strikers have been arrested within the last 24 hours at the Spartan Mill. The strike was called at this mill. Ten dollars a month wage scale. The strike is the second of its kind in the South. The large number of strikes is a result of the long hours, low wages, and in some cases, the absence of adequate rest periods. The strikers are the workers at the mill who have been working for 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, for years. They are demanding a raise in wages and better working conditions. The mill owners are refusing to negotiate, and the strikers have been arrested for refusing to return to work.

Meat Cutters Union Meets In Memphis

MEMPHIS — Preparations for the convention of the American Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America are being completed. The convention is scheduled to begin June 5. It is the first time the Meat Cutters Union has had a convention in 20 years.

Cheap Labor Attracts Big Mill Owners

CHATTANOOGA — The cheap labor advertised by members of Commerce in the South has attracted the attention of several more eastern manufacturers, who are reported making plans to settle their industries in Tennessee.

At Rockwood, scene of a militant hosary workers' strike, a new mill is reportedly ready to be located. The 10-hour day, introduced by the Rockwood ('Hosary Mill', proves an inducement to eastern manufacturers. It is against the 10-hour day that the hosary workers in Rockwood are striking. The Rockwood company's large eastern firm is preparing to establish a rayon manufacturing and dyeing plant.
Religious Group Persecuted in Georgia

Cops and Klan Found Guilty in Florida

Tampa, Fla.—With five police officers convicted of kidnapping Eugene Poulou and beating him to death, the Ku Klux Klan's activities in Florida have been severely curtailed.

The Klan was formed in Tampa last July, and within a few weeks it had become a major force in the community. The police officers were arrested and brought to trial on charges of kidnapping and beating Poulou, an auto mechanic who had refused to join the Klan.

The Klan had been active in recruiting new members and intimidating those who refused to join. The police officers were convicted after a trial that lasted for several days.

5,000 Workers Cut Off Ala. W. P. A. Rolls

Montgomery—With 5,000 workers on strike from the W. P. A. in Alabama, workers throughout the state have been asked to report to their work places.

Relief authorities have announced that the workers will be paid regardless of whether or not they report to work. The union has stated that the workers will be paid only if they report to work, and the authorities have agreed.

The workers have been asked to report to work on Friday, and the authorities have said that they will not oppose the workers' efforts to get back to work.

171 Witnesses Arrested In LaGrange, Ga.

LaGrange, Ga.—Persecuted for their beliefs, a group of 171 Jehovah's Witnesses were arrested in this small town on Saturday, May 13

The Witnesses were arrested for distributing literature and holding meetings without a license. They were charged with violating state laws and were held in jail for 24 hours before being released on bail.

Night Riders Charged With death of Worker

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With the death of a worker, the Klan has been accused of murder. The police have arrested several members of the organization, and the investigation is continuing.

Lynchings Are Denounced As Vote-Catchers

West Point, Miss.—In an address here before the Institute of the Mississippian State, the president of the Institute, Dr. B. H. Raper, denounced the practice of lynching.

He said that lynching was an evil practice that should be stopped, and he urged the state to take the necessary steps to prevent it.

The Institute of the Mississippian State is a group of educators and leaders who are concerned about the problems facing the state.

Mill Denied Injunction

Corinth, Miss.—The Corinth cotton mill was denied an injunction by the federal court in the case of the mill workers versus the cotton mill.

The workers had been trying to organize and gain better working conditions, and the mill had been trying to prevent them from doing so.

The court ruled that the mill had the right to hire and fire its workers as it saw fit, and that the workers did not have the right to strike.

Smelters Still On Strike at East Thomas

Birmingham—In a statement issued by Van D. Jones, the mill manager, the smelters at the East Thomas Furnace are still striking.

The strike began on April 15, and the mill management has refused to accept the union's demands.

The smelters have been on strike for several weeks, and the mill has been operating at a loss.

The union has stated that it will continue to fight for better working conditions until the mill management agrees to negotiate.

Union's Answer Challenged

Canton, O.—An attack on the union by the mill's owners has been challenged by the union.

The owners have accused the union of trying to hold up production and have threatened to take legal action.

The union has stated that it is trying to get better working conditions for its members and that it will continue to fight for its rights.
Full Communist Support to Farmer-Labor Party Is Pledged By Browder

CHICAGO, Ill., June 6.—In a short, brilliantly presented speech, Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, pledged full support to the Farmer-Labor Party for the eighty outstanding representatives of labor, farmers and small business men gathered here for the week-end in the Farmer-Labor Party Convention on the Labor Block.

As the closing session of the conference raised up the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party to call a National Farmer-Labor Party, Browder's speech follows in full:

For Independent Action

This Conference is preparing to gather together the scattered forces of workers, farmers and small business men in America. This is the first step in organizing the power of the country.

Pledge Support

It is impossible for us to believe that Roosevelt is going to be the trend toward reaction and fascism in America; he is retiring before the reaction, and fascism is very well. In America, it is very well. The American working men and women have made an effort to get the power of the country.

The Communist Party and the Farmer-Labor Party can really carry the program of the party. Each of the three parties stands on its own. The trend toward reaction and fascism, and preserve American democratic liberties.

I speak for the Communists and the workers who are pledging full and loyal support to this effort. We are not a small group, but throughout the country the trend toward reaction and fascism is being opposed by the people of all the parties.

Let me briefly report some of the most serious charges made against us. Some say that we are enemies of the American people, that we are not fighting for the American people. Let me briefly review these charges and show you how they are false.

Ways To Unite

Since Roosevelt has declared that even the New Deal stands for the red flag and revolution, it seems that we Communists are fighting for the American people. We are not enemies of the American people, but are fighting for the American people.

Since when have Americans been afraid of revolution? We support and fight for the democratic rights of the American people. We believe in the people's right to self-determination, to gain everything possible for the people. We support and fight for the rights of the American people.

French Workers Victorious As Strike Ends

PARIS—A municipal war in France has ended their battery with the municipal government, the municipal workers, the municipal workers, and the municipal workers. The municipal workers, the municipal workers, and the municipal workers. The municipal workers, the municipal workers, and the municipal workers.

Meanwhile, in this country, the strike by the strikers and the coal miners for higher wages and better conditions is leaving the country. The new F. D. R. government, under the leadership of the Democratic party, is making a strong move against the strike.
UNDER THE LANDLORDS' RULE

TERROR FAILS TO BREAK COTTON CHOPPERS STRIKE

HOUSTON, Texas—A last-minute attempt to break the Cotton Choppers Strike by the southern Tenants and Farmers Union has failed.

The cotton growers, numbering thousands, met on May 18, and agreed to refuse to plant all land under contract. Their action is in keeping with the threat of the union to withdraw from their contracts if the growers do not agree to the demands of the union.

The situation is becoming critical as the May 30th deadline draws near. The growers are relying on the police to enforce their orders, but the union is prepared to go to the courts if necessary.

LEADER SPEAKS

An active leader in the union, J. W. Black, was arrested yesterday for uttering threats.

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DRY SPELL CAUSES CROP FAILURES IN THE SOUTH

With no rain since April 1st and none in sight, the southeast faces the problem of meeting another kind of cotton curtailment.

In central Georgia, a complete crop failure is indicated. Tennessee faces a damage amounting to $200,000,000 with the shortest crop year on record. North Carolina, Alabama, Maryland, and Virginia also face major crop losses.

SOUTHERN CONGRESSMEN TRY TO OBTAIN QUICK AID FOR FARMERS IN HANDICAPPED AREAS

The situation is so serious that Southern Congressmen are trying to obtain quick federal aid for farmers in handicapped areas.

MILL CLOSES DOWN

TALLASSEE, Ala.—An hour before a local of the United Textile Workers was installed here, the Dadeville Cotton mill was gassed and落下.

The strike was a result of the refusal of the management to bargain collectively and continue the work of the N.R.A. The workers walked out Feb. 12 in protest against bad working conditions.

The Dadeville Mill is one of the largest in the state and has a large membership.

TEXTILE WORKERS WIN STRIKE

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—The three-month strike of 1,600 textile workers at the Lincoln Cotton mill here ended with the union workers winning the tight collective bargaining and continuance of N.R.A. wages. The workers walked out Feb. 12 in protest against bad working conditions.

Of the 1,600 workers at the mill, 1,200 are members of the United Textile Workers.

UNION WINS BENEFITS FOR SHARECROPPERS

In Tallapoosa County, the petition of sharecroppers was granted in the AAA investigation of benefits. Five croppers on the Howard plantation received $100 per month.

In Foust, Alabama, a white cropper received an allotment for the same period from plantation owner, R. H. Johnson. Johnson's excuse for not paying was that he had no money.

The Mayor of Sventon in an interview said that the union had a right to organize but that the white and Negro organized without violating the law.

The investigation of landlords who knew AAA cropper repressions and that of the counties of Tallapoosa and Lee County, Alabama, has been completed.

Union organizer is held for libel

Crimson Tide was charged against John Moore, Farmer's Union organizer, in a letter written to the Farm Leaders By Moore, in which he stated that John Lackey, a Negro, and two white men, wereische, and that Lackey was a drunk and that they coerced farmers and threatened to boycott him.

Moore was released on a $1,000 bond within the day.

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BY ROBERT WASHINGTON

BIRMINGHAM—On April 14th, I was delivering a car to the secretary of the Savings Company. I was driving by the Mound Street, where the box office was located, when I saw a man who had just been involved in a car accident. I immediately got out of my car to help him, and as I approached, I noticed that the man was clearly injured. The accident seemed to have been caused by negligence on the part of another driver, and I immediately contacted the police to report the incident.

Ike Robinton Stands With Labor Enemies

By a Birmingham Correspondent

Ike Robinton, a volunteer organizer for the labor movement in the state of Alabama, has been indefinitely suspended from his job as a bookkeeper. He is not the only laborer in Alabama whose position has been placed in jeopardy. The state's governor, Mr. A. J. Snow, has recently stated that the state will not tolerate any disturbance that might affect the peace and security of the state.

Rome Strikers Are Praised For Courage

By a Worker Correspondent

ROME, Ga.—When the strike was called at the Rome Stove and Range Company, the strikers were placed in a difficult position. The company had been operating at a deficit, and the workers had no choice but to strike in order to demand better working conditions. The strike was ultimately successful, and the workers were praised for their courage.

Labor Party Need Shown by Miner Who is Tired of Politicians

By An Ore Miner

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—I was brought up to think that the Democratic party was the only real party in the country. Now, I'm beginning to see that it's time to change. I've met a miner who is tired of politics and is fed up with the two-party system. He says that the miner needs his own party to represent his interests.

Several months ago, I sold a copy of the Southern Worker and I read every word of it. I've also been following the work of the miners here. I think the miners are the backbone of this country.

Workers Evicted From Shacks of Corporations

By a Worker Correspondent

We're well organized here in Birmingham. That's how come we can afford to evict people out of our houses. Thus spoke the representative of the working class at the miners' convention here. The miners have been able to evict people from their homes, and the workers have been able to evict people from their shacks. The working class is becoming more united.

We're on strike to prevent the TCI, from breaking the union, increasing hours, and laying off 500 miners. They want us to pay up to date rent for the shacks, and we're not going to do it. We're going to continue the strike until we get our demands met.

In addition, we are demanding the right to union meetings and the right to strike. The miners are very determined to get their demands met.

The miners are demanding better wages, better working conditions, and the right to strike. They are ready to fight for their demands, and they are willing to make sacrifices.

The miners are also demanding the right to organize and to strike. They are ready to fight for their demands, and they are willing to make sacrifices. They are determined to get their demands met, and they are willing to fight for their rights.
Membership of the RR Unions Speaks

What They Think About the Dissolution Wage Agreement Just Signed by the RR Labor Executives Association.

By GEORGE BROWN

After three years of fending off shadow boxing, and against the determined and wholehearted opposition of the railroad laborers, the RR Labor Executives Ass'n on May 21, 1936, signed an agreement with representatives of the railroads accepting a totally inadequate and temporally demoralizing wage for men displaced from permanent railroad work. The agreement calls for the dismissal of 40,000 workers and the removal of the last barrier to the realization of the dream of independent earnings for the working man. The agreement calls for the abandonment of the minimum wage and for the establishment of a "living wage" which will be determined by the railroad administration. The agreement also provides for the elimination of all labor union activities on the railroads.

As for workers in general, the agreement means an end to the struggle for better wages and working conditions. It means the end of the struggle for self-determination and democracy. It means the end of the struggle for freedom and justice. It means the end of the struggle for a better life for all men.

Workers Resent TCI Politicians

BESSEMER, Ala. - Voters in ward 2 are influenced by the high-handed manner in which the Democratic executive committee and the TCI officials conduct elections. They are also influenced by the re-election of alderman A. D. Maddox. Three candidates qualified for the office. Maddox, T. J. DeJarnett and Kean. Maddox is in employment agent and the TCI and DeJarnett and Kean are both TCI officials. After it was too late to vote for other candidates to qualify for TCI officials held DeJarnett and Kean that if they wanted to hold these offices they must work for the TCI and DeJarnett and Kean.

In 1934 Maddox canvassed the wards and offered to work to clear up these scandals. He was known as an honest worker and strike breaker. Ward 2 is a working class neighborhood and the people who live there intend to do everything possible to prevent the re-election of TCI officials. Maddox has been a candidate for a long time and has been in the office. He has a large measure circulated and held a large mass meeting in an attempt to force Judge Ball, chairman of the board of county commissioners, to allow other candidates to qualify for the office. Ball forced the will of the people in Ward 2 and has refused to hear any arguments.

Communist Party Holds National Convention

Final preparations for the Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party will be held June 21. The final day of the convention, June 23, will be marked by a mass session in Madison Square Garden, where the new executive committee of the Communist Party for the Presidential election will be nominated. Many of the delegates to the convention will be workers, including local leaders and officials of United Mine Workers from Pennsylvania and other states.

New Constitution Makes Another Advance in The Soviet Union

The new constitution of the Soviet Union, which is due to come into force on January 1, 1936, makes another advance in the struggle for a better life for all men. The new constitution provides for the establishment of nationalized industries and the abolition of private property. It also provides for the establishment of a democratic republic and the protection of the rights of the workers. The new constitution includes provisions for the establishment of a social security system and for the protection of the rights of women and children.

Negro Girl Describes Jim Crow School

By a Girl Correspondent

I am a girl thirteen years old, and I am a Negro. I want you to know about the conditions here in our school in Bessemer, so that I can write to you.

We Negroes have only one school for children in Grammar school and this one is in very bad condition. Two children are forced to sit in one single seat together all day long and it is hard for them to study when they are cramped up like that. We have one teacher for about 50 or 60 children and we have to share the books. We have to walk a long way to school and if we are late we get a load grade on our report cards. Our playground is very small and we don't have much exercise.

White School Different

But in the white school it is different. Of course I was never allowed to go into one, but I talk to the man and woman who keep it clean. They say that there are electric fans in some of the rooms and the children have a better time there than we do. They spend their days learning about their tricks and then we show them that we can get united.

DUSYA VINAGRADOVA, a textile worker of the Nega Mills, 200 miles from Moscow, is known to everyone in the Soviet Union today. She is a staunch believer—once of the new workers of a socialist land, working with joy in a way that only socialism makes possible.

DUSYA VINAGRADOVA.
Let Progress Go By, Mr. Green!

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Organize Steel

The steel strike will be on an early summer.

John L. Lewis made this statement immediately after the executive council of the American Federation of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, which is organized under the leadership of Lewis and the Committee on Industrial organization, declared that the strike would be called if no agreement was reached. Lewis said there would be "no more delay." Good! There has been too much that has already.

The unorganized state of the steel industry has been a weak spot in the Alabama and Southern Labor movement. The Steel Trust has grown more powerful over the years and has been trying to crush the organizations that are attempting to organize the steel workers. The Steel Trust has been successful in this attempt, but the steel workers are not going to be crushed.

Every union man, every local, every central body must operate to the fullest extent with the steel workers. Seek out the steel workers. Talk to them. Confront them to the need of organizing, of a mighty industrial force. That is the steel trust.

The trust will counter by small increases in wages, by efforts to stop the strike. They will pay McDuff everything they have, and their thugs will try to be more brutal. But nothing can stop the workers when they get organized.

The Black Legion

In Michigan the Ku Klux Klan's twin brother, the Black Legion, has been caught in the act of murder. The Black Legion, differing from the KKK only in the color of its nightshirt, is the child of William Randolph Hearst again. It is the auto, meat packers and other business interests. It is the effort to wipe out trade unions, kill off all militant workers, keep the flames of religious and racial differences burning a division among workers and rule by terror.

No story out of Hitler's Germany is more terrible than the night executions carried out by the Black Legion. The Black Legion is the Ku Klux Klan-riding by night to commit murder. The men who murdered Charles Poole, a WP worker in Detroit, because he "knew too much." They were the murderers of George S. Mann, an auto worker, and John L. Bialack, an auto worker active in the union.

The fight to crush the Black Legion in Detroit is the fight to crush the revival in the South. The Black Belt landlords who killed Willie Foster and eight others a year ago have the same idea as these killers in the auto industry today. The Birmingham thugs, carrying out orders for McKee, are just as guilty as the leaders of the Black Legion. Every country and the capital interests in both cases are just as guilty. It doesn't matter whether they ride in automobiles or on horses, whether they wear white nightshirts or black ones, or just ordinary clothes - they are the men who will bring fascism to America for Hearst and the money kings unless workers and liberals wipe out the Klan, the Black Legion, labor spring detectives and the Black Legion.

Support the LaFollette investigation of civil liberties. Force Congress to expose these red riders and their employers — Hearst and the Liberty League. Help crush Fascism before it crushes labor.

FOR DROUGHT RELIEF

With their cotton and corn rotting in the fields, as the dry spell continues, the poor farmers of Alabama, Georgia and the entire southeast face a year of disaster. Their crops ruined, they are without food or income, mortgages and credit with which to buy food for the next year's crop.

The rich farmers will make out all right. Already Congress has asked for drought relief — for the landlords of the South. The people who need that relief, who must have aid to keep from dying beside their rolled up crops, are the small farmers, tenants and sharecroppers.

Federal relief must be given to these thousands of desperate Southern poor farmers — for food, clothes and shelter.

The Southern Worker urges every one of its readers to write a letter to Secretary Wallace in Washington, demanding drought relief for the stricken poor farmers of the South.

The Insurrection Law

Eighteen more workers are being held in Atlanta, Ga., under charges of "insulting to the Stars and Stripes." This is the law declared unconstitutional in the case of Abe Oakes. This is the law against which a resolution was passed at the 55th convention of the American Federation of Labor.

These eighteen people face death or long term chain gang sentences if they are found guilty under this slave day law when there is no local union, no liberal or working class organization in the South. Today the attack is on the Communists. Tomorrow it will be on all trade unions and liberals, and tomorrow it will be in other states besides Georgia.

The Insurrection law is a weapon of the Southern ruling class, used to crack down on those workers who organize against starvation wages, the stretch-out and work days that extend into the night. Labor is cheap in the South, because it is unorganized. It is unorganized because of such things as the Georgia Insurrection Law.

Every trade union local and central body, every group of liberals and all individuals who hate tyranny must help defeat this slave day law. Send protests to Solicitor Generals John A. Hopkins and Geo. Eugene Talmadge at Atlanta. Rush funds to the International Labor Defense, 60 East 11th Street, New York City.

JOIN THE Communist Party
WRITE TO BOX 572
Birmingham, Ala.

The Power of the Supreme Court Must Be Broken

By R. F. Hall

My forefathers came over from the British Isles to this new land of America because they wanted freedom, freedom to worship as they pleased and freedom to order their own lives without the necessity of being subject to the will of irresponsible Kings. And when this King resented their efforts toward a free popular government and sent his army to put them down, they replied with their own army and helped bring the work of the King's Torus to a close and set up a government which they hoped would mean freedom for them and their children.

Today, however, we find that the words of our forefathers are not being translated into something sufficiently strong. The French workers have been able to resist successfully because they have a government which they know will mean freedom for them and their children.

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But the Supreme Court has killed that act. The vote was 6 to 2. The majority claimed that Congress had no right to pass laws which regulate the coal industry and the right to pass laws regulating labor in the coal industry. Not a single judge dissent, except the right of Congress to protect labor, although some of them did hold that Congress could regulate industry providing that regulation aided the operators by lowering prices.

They said that legislation, affecting hours and wages of the workers and the right of labor to organize, was entirely up to the states and not up to Congress.

Three weeks later, however, these same "old men" passed on another law. This time it was the minimum wage law of the state of New York passed by the elected representatives of the people of New York. The law set a minimum wage for women working in industry and involved specifically whether the state could say that the wages of a woman were a proper subject for state legislation, should the state set the wages for the woman and protect her from starvation wages.

The court said: "No." The score was 5 to 4. First they said that social legislation affecting labor was up to the states. Then they said that it was unconstitutional for the states to do anything about it.

The bankers, employers, coal operators and mill owners are pleased with these decisions. The Republican Labor League holds a show-down. They see that the fascist government which is to go across is being handed for them by the Supreme Court.

But what of the common people, the workers, the farmers and middle classes? What shall they do about the growing power of the Supreme Court?

It is important that they speak out and act. As matter stands now, no social legislation such as the Wagner Labor Disputes Act, unemployment insurance, the old age pension, or the minimum wage would be of any use to anyone, because there is a ghost of a chance that these Torus will be supported.

A powerful movement must spring into action. Congress and the president must be forced to:
1. Nullify the act of the Supreme Court to declare laws unconstitutional.
2. Impeach judges who usurp the democratic rights of the people.
3. Amend the Constitution to prohibit the Supreme Court from declaring laws unconstitutional.
4. Force the president to call Congress into special session and to allow Farmers Labor Party and elect our own representatives to Congress and to the state legislatures.