

'20 YEARS IN HELL!'

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I ASKED FOR BREAD FOR MYSELF AND MY PEOPLE, AND THEY GAVE ME TWENTY YEARS ON A CHAIN GANG.

In June, 1932, the officials of the State of Georgia condemned twenty-three thousand workers to death by cutting them off the relief rolls. Negro and white workers immediately began to organize to force the bosses to withdraw their threats to cut off relief entirely. I, then 19 years old, had the audacity to dare challenge the tyrannical rule of the lynchers of the South.

When Angelo Herndon Arrived in NYC

The above scene took place in the Pennsylvania Station, New York City, on the day when Angelo Herndon arrived, upon being released on bail, as a result of the pressure of the I.L.D. Herndon was welcomed by a cheering throng of New York workers, who jammed the huge station. Here we see him being carried upon the shoulders of Bob Minor and Harry Haywood.



'We Want Jobs, F. D., And with Real Pay'

Once more Roosevelt remembers the forgotten man. He remembers to go and try to give him another kick in the face.

This friend of labor, the guy who was going to bring back prosperity, the guy who was going to give us jobs, means prosperity at nineteen bucks a month and jobs at nineteen dollars a month for good, hard work.

He told us that there were going to be two parts to his social program. First he was going to insure the jobs of those working against unemployment. Very frankly he told us that nothing was to be provided in his Wagner-Lewis Bill for the six to seven million fellows and girls who are now unemployed. Nothing was to be provided in the bill for the million youth

that these jobs were part of the 3,500,000 he was talking about. Only 700,000 new jobs for the 14,000,000 unemployed!

This means that very, very few of us are going to get these jobs.

It is no secret to whom these jobs are going to be given. One to a

I organized a demonstration of more than a thousand Negro and white workers. This action struck fear into the hearts of the slave masters of Georgia. They determined to get revenge, but by resorting to a crude and shameful frame-up.

They arrested me two weeks after the demonstration and kept me in jail eleven days without any charge being booked against me. Six months passed before I was called up for trial. By this time (Jan. 16, 1933) the Rev. Solicitor Hudson was ready to go through with the whole frame-up.

Old Slave Law Resurrected

He charged me with "an attempt to overthrow the state government of Georgia by force and violence." The law under which he procured the indictment was enacted before the Civil War. It was designed to curb all rebellion of the Negro slaves. This law had lain unused all this time for they had had no occasion to use it before my arrest.

The trial lasted for three days. It was quite obvious that the court had already decided beforehand how I was to be disposed of. This was evidenced by the rank hostility of the judge and the prosecuting attorneys in their attempts to evince important testimony and evidence that would possibly have led to my complete freedom.

No Evidence to Prove Guilt

There was no evidence produced to prove me guilty of the charges preferred against me. They refused to place Negroes on the jury and hypocritically lied about Negro discrimination. They called me "nigger" and "darker" and the judge, being led by the prosecutors, tried to whip up lynch sentiment against me.

The "red scare" and "proletarian dictatorship" was dragged in on a bloody red flag by the Rev. Solicitor Hudson. He asked the ill-white jury to stamp "this damnable menace out of the state of Georgia," by sending me to my death in the electric chair.

The I.L.D. filed a motion for a new trial. A mass campaign was launched to force my freedom on hell pending appeal. But they refused to let me out on the ground that I was too dangerous to be let out amongst the inhabitants of the state. They sat in twenty-six months of extreme, brutal and savage torture.

On the 24th of last May, the state Supreme Court of Georgia sustained my conviction. The same court also so agreed to set bail for me at the high figure of \$15,000. The I.L.D.

Huge Rally Scheduled In Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—In the most dramatic parade and rally ever witnessed here, the youth of Chicago, led by the League of Industrial Girls in the Y. W. C. A., the Anti-War Club at the Association House, the Young Peoples Socialist League, the Casket Workers Union Local 19306, the Young Communist League, the Continuations Committee of the Student Strikers of April 12 and other anti-war and anti-fascist or-

That's the Spirit