

## BACK TO WORK

**O**N August 15, with renewed energy and intensified activity the campaign to save Angelo Herndon from death on the chain-gang and win his complete freedom, will be re-opened simultaneously in every part of the country. The fight to free Herndon has never stopped since the moment he was arrested in Atlanta during the summer of 1932.

It has reached new heights with every advancing stage of the battle, ending each time in partial victory—his release on \$15,000 cash bail in August 1934; his release on \$8,000 bail in December 1935 when Judge Hugh M. Dorsey was forced to declare the outworn “insurrection” law unconstitutional.

It must now reach greater heights than even before, because this last stage must end *in complete victory*. The case is once more going to the Supreme Court of the United States. But in the famous words of Eugene Victor Debs, it must now go to the *Supreme Court of the People*.

The International Labor Defense and the Joint Committee to Aid the Herndon Defense—a united front body whose activities in the fall of 1935 helped secure over one million signatures to the Herndon petition, helped mobilize nation wide protests, helped secure the necessary funds, helped save Herndon from the chain-gang—have geared the machinery for the finish fight.

The 2,000,000 signature campaign must be completed. There are still some three quarters of a million signatures to be secured. A defense fund of \$5,000 must be raised before October. Protest postcards, to be released around the 15th, must be mailed in hundreds of thousands. The whole nation wide sentiment for the freedom of Angelo Herndon and the abolition of the unconstitutional “insurrection” law must be crystalized into united action. The 55th national convention of the A. F. of L. went on record for the abolition of that law. Every local union in the country can be mobilized behind this drive. Congressmen, mayors, city officials, educators, writers and hundreds of thousands of working people have already signed their names for Herndon’s freedom—have shown that his case has the widest possible support. It is that support which is needed now as it never was before. Let us get back to work—for Herndon’s life and freedom.