

# GEORGIA JUSTICE

In the same splendid spirit which has won for him the love and support of millions, this young fighter analyzes the latest murder verdict of the Georgia courts.

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The decision of the State Supreme Court of Georgia was no surprise or shock to me. I know Georgia justice. I have felt its sting for the last four years and I know that it will stop at nothing in its determined effort to crush the organized labor movement and the Negro people.

Why should the rulers of that state, people who were responsible for setting up the first concentration camp in American history, people who have on their hands the blood of hundreds of Negro workers lynched in Georgia—why should they give up this very powerful weapon by means of which they think they can stamp out all resistance, all organization on the part of the working people, black and white.

That is what is most important about this decision. I have said repeatedly, and I say it again now, the importance of the Herndon case is not what happens to me personally. The important thing is the fact that the State of Georgia still clings to that vicious slave law as a threat against all labor organizers, all Negro people, all freedom loving individuals. The important thing is that the State of Georgia will continue to use that law until it is forced by the united action of the whole labor movement, by people of every color, nationality, religion and shade of political opinion, to drop it from its statute books.

The state of Georgia wants to murder me. They have made that very clear.

They still think that by sending me to my death on the Georgia chain-gang they will halt the rising tide of the struggle for liberation.

They do not seem to realize that millions of American people are interested in the outcome of this case because they recognize it now for what it really is—a test case of their own freedom, their own liberty. This was officially recognized by the organized labor movement in a resolution passed at the 55th convention of the A. F. of L. demanding the abolition of

the Georgia slave insurrection law. I saw it with my own eyes in every meeting that I addressed when twice I crossed the country speaking to workers and farmers and professionals and business men about my case. It is proven by the million and a quarter signatures that have already been attached to the petition circulated by the International Labor Defense and 10 other national organizations addressed to Governor Talmadge of Georgia demanding the abolition of that law and the freedom of all those menaced by it.

I have no illusions in the United States Supreme Court. I never did have and after the last decision they made in my case my feelings were confirmed. I believe they are shared today by many more American citizens than in the past. They now have received proof of the reactionary, dictatorial nature of that court. They know that unless they take action to curb its rule, they can look for no justice for the working people from that source.

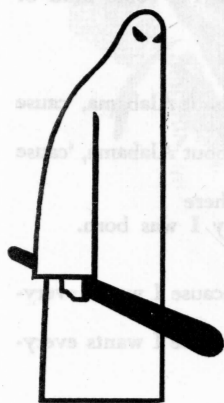
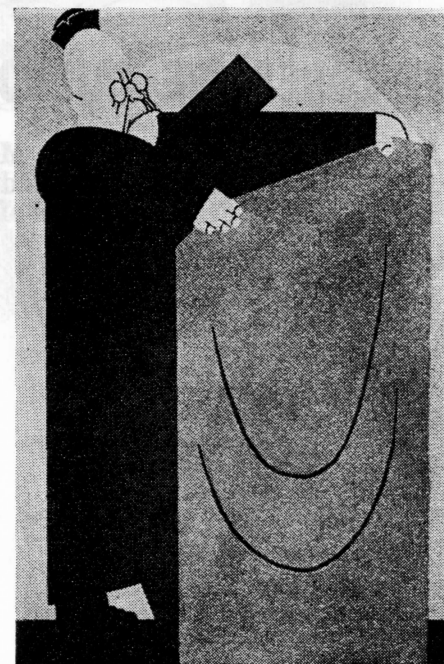
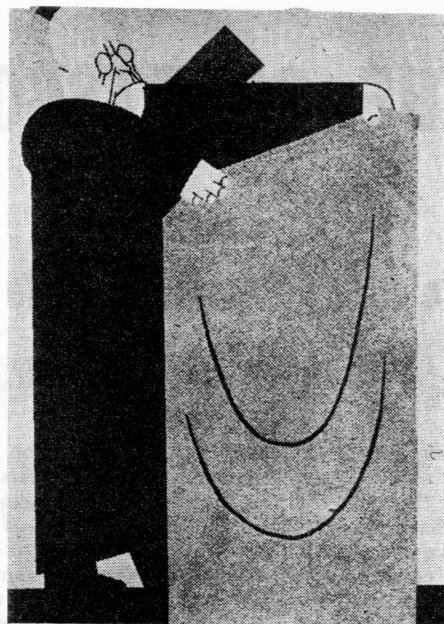
My faith is still and always will be in the working class of the United States. It was that power which twice freed me from the dungeons of Fulton Tower and the chain-gang and it is that power which will finally give me back my freedom.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the International Labor Defense and all its friends and supporters for the splendid work it has done in my defense during these last four years. The International Labor Defense has already started the necessary legal action to appeal this latest decision to the United States Supreme Court and to secure a stay of execution until the time the appeal is heard.

I want also to express by appreciation to the Joint Committee to Aid the Herndon Defense, which responded to the call for united joint action to rally the broadest sections of the American people behind the fight to smash the law and win my freedom. I am sure that it will now be able to recruit even broader united support behind my case.

It was this united effort which won my partial freedom last December. It is such united effort that can now move forward to complete victory—the abolition of the Georgia slave insurrection law dear to the hearts of the Liberty League and Mr. Hearst, but hated and despised by every true friend of liberty and justice.

Justice—fascist style: The hocus pocus of fascist justice in pictures. Now you see it, now you don't, now you do. The artist shows the judge framing innocent victims behind a cloak of lies. The last picture shows the cloak torn aside by public opinion and the real criminal—fascist terror is exposed.



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