

March 9

Hattiesburg: Cliff Vaughns

Bob Moses case: Judge Heraldson has not yet decided the case/ he can take any length of time to decide this. In the meantime his bond remains the same as it was. At the time of the decision if an appeal is made the bond can be changed (as an appeal bond).

Contempt charge from the mornings: Both ministers were fined \$10 which they paid.

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Rev. Roy Smith: charges: interfering with an officer: fine- \$150
Assault and battery: fine: \$100- ~~kkkkkkkk~~ There was no information as to whether he would appeal or pay the fines.

Nine Ministers: They were still ~~kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk~~ discussing the possibility of pleading nolo and forfeiting \$400 of the \$750 appearance bond.

(Julian : perhaps you could check with Guyot as to their fine 1 decision).

Jackson: Charlie Cobb

Indianola:

Monday, March 17 there will be trials in Indianola for these sets of charges:

1. distributing leaflets: from Aaron Henry Campaign (out of ~~kkkk~~ state people involvolved here are King David Smith, Gadsden; David Davis, Danville; and two students from Yale who have already paid their \$25 fines - Barbara Johnson from Miss. had also paid her fines).

2. Conspiracy to interfere with voting (from summer primaries)- Charles Mac Laurin, Charlie Cobb and Curtis Hayes (he is in Chicago)---Charlie says that it is possibly these cases won't be prosecuted.

3. Breach of peace: George Raymond-- he went to the library in Indianola to get books out.

Greenwood: Cobb

Today six people forfeited bond in Greenwood for not appearing for sentencing in the appeal from last year's Freedom Day cases. They/ six are: Eric Raley, James Sanders, ~~kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk~~ Rev. Kinlock, Lavonne Hampton, Oscar Broome and Milton Hancock. A 'deal' was made that the people who put up the \$500 property bonds would not lose their property if SNCC pays \$640 to cover the \$100 fines for each plus court costs. In this case, if any of the parties remain active in Mississipi and are arrested they will have to serve the thirty days the sentence calls for. The only person who will really be effected here is Hampton who works and lives in Miss.

Court Situation, Cont.

Pye has ordered the solicitor to go over all the bonds in these 45 cases. (I may be wrong on the number - check with Howard - I might be a couple off.) Any property put up with any incumbrances on it, may be declared worthless, and people taken into custody until new bond, which we fully expect to be much higher, is put ~~z~~ up. We expect 26 people to be affected by this - and most of them will probably go to jail tomorrow. The solicitor was trying to be neutral by buttering up the judge, and still saying he though bonds were the sheriff's responsibility. Finally, Pye said he though the court had a responsibility and that he would go into this matter more tomorrow.

An interesting development on the Heart of Atlanta cases, is that the Heart of Atlanta Corp. does not own or operate the restaurant. They lease it to Interstate Hose Restaurants Inc. of California. Howard thinks it would be a good idea if we tried to put pressure on them by finding out whereelse they have restaurants, e sp. int eh North, and getting pickets, etc. The other is to buy some stock, and protest through shareholders meetings, etc. Rouldston says on the stand that they would ~~xxx~~ break the lease before they would integrate, and he may be sick enough to mean it.

There have been reports of the kids being elbowed, slapped and spit on, in the hallways and elevators. However, I think their attitude has been beligerant, and they may be hitting back, so I'm not sure how far we could go with a protest.

If a fact sheet is prepared, as I have been suggesting for the past 10 days, I think good basis would be the material from the N.Y. Times article, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks ago. In addition, listing all the times and names of people who have taking bond down for Ashton Jones would add to the picture, such as the fact that Pye refused \$5000 cash!