UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

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RUPERT P.H. CRAWFORD, RONALD L.:
MITCHELL, WALTER R. MITCHELL,
BETTE ANNE POOLE, ELDRI J. :
SALTER and JOHN R. SALTER,
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Petitioners,
:
-against-
:
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
:
Respondent.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
COUNTY OF HINDS)ss:

JOHN R. SALTER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am one of the petitioners herein, and I am submitting this affidavit in support of their application, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 144, for the disqualification of Hon. WILLIAM HAROLD COX, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, from ruling on this petition.

In view of what petitioners consider to be a significant bias on the part of Judge Cox against both them and the cause of racial integration, which their picketing was designed to advance, and in favor of the respondent, and the fact that there is no appeal from a decision to remand a case to a state court which has been removed puramnt to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 1443, it is submitted that this application must be granted.

The grounds for petitioners' application are as follows:

1. Upon information and belief, Judge Cox believes in and subscribes to the principles of racial segregation, as advocated by respondent's Governor and Legislature.

2. Upon information and belief, during the summer of 1962, Mayor ALLEN THOMPSON of Jackson, Mississippi, an outspoken advocate of racial segregation, stated, in a public address, that the people of Jackson were grateful to Judge Cox for helping to ppreserve Mississippi traditions.

3. That Judge Cox, prior to his elevation to the federal bench, was chairman of the Hinds County Democratic Executive Committee and, upon information and belief, in such capacity invited Congressman John Bell Williams, among others, to give racist speeches..