Federal Litigation in Mississippi

[Undated, assumed early 1964. Unsigned, possibly COFO or ACLU]

| July 6, 1961 | Clarke | Discrimination in registration. In- junction 2/5/63. Court (Southern Dist. Miss.) refused to order Negro reg. on same basis as prior white registration, refused finding of pattern or prac- tice. Decision appealed to Fifth Cir- cuit. |
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| July 6, 1961 | Forrest | Discrimination in reg. Court refused to issue injunction. Injunction issued by Circuit Court on appeal. Registrar cited for contempt, found guilty 7/13/1963. Registrar appealed, trial date as yet unset. |
| August 3, 1961 | Jefferson Davis | Discrimination in reg. Court ordered monthly reports from registrar 1/4/63. Registrar applying standards strictly. |
| August 3, 1963 | Walthall | Discrimination in reg. Court gave no decision, but ordered removal from rolls of illiterate white voters called by government. 3 Negroes have registered. |
| Oct. 26, 1961 | Panola! | Discrimination in reg. District Court found against the gov't. on all issues. Appealed to 5th Circuit, favorable decision 5/22/64. Court ordered registrar to dispense with interpretation section of application form. |
| Nov. 17, 1961 | Tallahatchie | Refusal to accept poll tax payments and discrimination in reg. District Court refused to issue injunction. 5th Circuit reversed District decision 1/28/63. Issued injunction. Registrar appealed, no trial date set as yet. 5 - 10 Negroes registered. |
| April 13, 1962 | George | Discrimination in reg. Temp. restraining order April 24. Gov't. requested tightened injunction April '63. Court giving registrar opportunity to reconsider rejected applicants before issuing new injunction. 5 Negroes registered since filing of suit. |
| Aug. 28, 1962 | State of Mississippi plus Amite, Clairborne, Coahoma, Leflore, Lowndes and Pike. | Challenge on Constitutional grounds of 2 amendments to State Constitution and 5 statutes dealing with registration procedures plus discrimination by six registrars. The case is still in the discovery stage. |

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| Jam. 15, 2053 | Sunflower | Discrimination in registration, Not tried. |
| July 16, 1963 | Hinds | Discrimination in registration. Court held that closing of books was not discriminatory, but required that applicants be served on a first-come, first-served basis when books opened. |
| March 2, 1964 | Madison | District Court refused to find "Pattern or practice", but ordered registrar to equip to handle at least 4 applicants at a time; to register at least 50 applicants a day so long as his services were in demand. Court limited to 25 the number of potential applicants who could stand in line at once. |