US COLORED PEOPLE
Once upon a time...

in a country called America...

in a state called Alabama

in a county called Lowndes...
lived a man named Mr. Blackman

One day while walking by the courthouse, Mr. Blackman thought: "Us colored people...

been using our mouths to do two things....

TALKING

EATING
and saying yes suh....

I'm sure glad you made me deady, suh.

That's okay, Wednesday.

Boy, he's been a deputy every since he started scratching his head!

Did you know that Mr. Wednesday is a deputy?

YES, IT'S TIME WE GOT IN THIS MESS!

It's time we said NO.
So I decided to get into that mess.

All those kind of messes...
I didn't want to travel to the courthouse by myself.

I asked my brother to go with me.

I asked the teacher to go with me.

No, I'll lose my job.

I asked the preacher to come go with me.

That's not the Lord's work.

Sam, come go with me to register.

I asked the farmer to go with me.

No! You know I live on Mr. John's place.

Boy! You gonna get killed messing with that white folks business!

I had to go by myself.
When I got to the courthouse they treated me kind of bad.

Next week I came back with six folks to the courthouse. We got together to tell others what we were doing.

BUT I STOOD MY GROUND

Mr. Sheriff, I come to register to vote.

NIGGER! Mr. Cracker, how do you know my first name?

WHAT?

How many seeds in a watermelon?

You're wrong, it's 30! Come back next week.

About 800

He took me inside to ask me some questions.

they tried to trick me.
we came by twos at first...

then we came by TENS

THEN WE CAME BY HUNDREDS...

the white folks threatened us

After we got in that mess some of us got kicked off the land.

But we were SICK and TIRED of being SICK and TIRED!

Soon we had the majority of voters in the county.
But most of us wanted something of our own.

We had meetings to talk about what we were going to do with the vote.

Some of us wanted to be Democrats...

The Democrats are the same folks that kept us out and down all these years!

We want to decide who's on the board of education, who's tax assessor.......

Now we have the vote, we want to control it!!

I nominate Mr. Blackman for Sheriff....

We mean business.

Lowndes County Freedom Organization

One Man, One Vote

A vote for Mr. Blackman is a vote for us.

We held a mass meeting to nominate our candidates for the Nov. 8th election.
NOVEMBER 8th

Good morning, Sheriff Blackman

Yes son, it's a new day!