

January 28

Bradford Hattiesburg

Guyot arrested yesterday for 'contributing'- \$1000 bond  
they are downtown now picketing (many high school students,  
many ministers, many adults). Most of the students want to walk out  
of school- 60 walked out today- they have gone down to picket)

plan to picket and work on voter registration- also holding workshops in  
community (re local leadership).

Bob's arrest: trying to get property bond or \$600 cash for him--need two  
more signers for the property bond (need three all together)--

Bob's second trial was yesterday

\$300 and 60 days on the city charge of refusing to move on

Pete Stoner was arrested last night for passing a car when she shouldn't have.  
Bond was \$7 and he was released last night. His trial was today at two.

Oscar Chase's case was 'passed to the files'- i.e. they're not going to  
prosecute now, but they can at some time in the future .  
that means he's out and doesn't have to pay bond, but can be prosecuted at  
any later date.

Oscar says they will probably start picking people up one by one as they did  
Guyot yesterday. Want to avoid publicity of mass arrest. Also a possibility  
that they'll get an injunction against picketing (Mayor has mentioned it)

they still have alot of people going down to register  
community leaders have been very reluctant to go along with whole program.

JD has been interested in reporting of cases of economic intimidation in relation  
to VR drive. They talk about doing things about these cases, but it's uncertain  
whether they will. they think about 10 have lost jobs--many more threatened.

Negroes can't enter courthouse unless they tell the guards why they're going in-  
whites can enter at will, no questions asked--police also have a cameraman  
to take picture of those who go to register

Jackson: Canton: Dave Dennis

didn't finish arraignment- Dis. atty tried to accuse Jess Brown of soliciting  
business- because he went to represent the people and they didn't know he'd be  
their lawyer til he got there- so arraignment cont'd til Monday.

Still under same property bond. Courtroom was packed on Negro side (segregated  
courtroom)--25 empty seats on white side and more Negroes outside- they wouldn't  
let them in. 30-40 Negroes marched five blocks E Peace St. to demand entrance  
to courtroom. Police turned them around and they marched back to county courthouse  
and they attempted to register to vote. Only five admitted in during the day.  
They said that the registrar was busy with other things and that's why he'd only  
taken five.--Mass Meeting last night--afterwards, cops stopped each person asking  
names and giving tickets (some given tickets, others just had their license  
checked and names taken). A list has been compiled by the cops for the citizens  
council and people have been warned that if names appeared on the list they'd  
be subject to economic reprisal