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Second day of Freedom Day went very well. About 50 or 60 people went to the courthouse to take the voter registration test. 29 of those people actually took the test. Again a gas was used inside the courthouse to discourage people from staying. During the morning a man was seen entering the phone booth which is located just inside the door of the courthouse where people must stand in line, waiting to take the test. He poured some substance on the seat in the booth and wiped it off. ~~He~~ The rag he used became red from the substance. Immediately after he had done this the substance began to smell (just as yesterday). Two women became dizzy and felt sick and had to leave, but the others remained despite the smell and smarting eyes.

After the registration office closed the people who were waiting to register and those who were picketing the courthouse (about 30 throughout the day) met at the courthouse steps and were led in prayer by a Greenwood minister. They then walked home in groups of five.

From the Greenwood Commonwealth today:

A bill was introduced in the Mississippi legislature to make it illegal to picket public buildings. The bill was introduced by ~~Rep.~~ Rep. Rex Jones of Forrest County and included lawmakers from Madison County and Hinds County. The measure makes picketing a misdemeanor subject to \$500 fine and a 6 month jail term.