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State of Mississippi  
County of Sunflower

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Being duly sworn deposes and says to-wit: I am a citizen of the United States and on Monday, July 13, 1964, at about 7:00 AM, the following happened:

I had been working with Underwood Construction since early February of 1964. I was working as a carpenter's helper. This morning as I was loading up the tools, Mr Joe Baker, the foreman, told three of us he had orders to lay us off. The three were Mr. Tommy Buckley (Negro), Mr. Ross, (a White), and me. He said that he didn't need us any more. I do not have a job now, but I believe that Mr. Ross has a job with the toy factory in town.

I learned yesterday that the Mayor of Ruleville, Mr. Durrrough, was going around to the contractors and asking them to lay off those people who were putting up the white volunteers. I believe that there is plenty of work around the job to do and I believe that I was laid off because of my civil rights connections. I have been housing a white volunteer for several weeks and both my wife and I have attempted to register to vote.