

Denial of the Right to Vote in Greenwood, Miss.

Affidavit by George R. Davis: I George R. Davis, 23 years old, of 113 E. Scott St., Greenwood, Miss., swear the following is true. On March 25, I marched on the voter registration line around the Greenwood court house. When I came home, my father told me that Mr. Paul Campbell, my boss at the C & J Transportation Co., 509 MacArthur St., Greenwood, had told him that I was fired. On March 25, 1964, I tried to go to work at C & J Transportation, and was told that they could not use me because my picketing was bad for business. I have worked for C & J Transportation as a truck driver off and on since 1958, and steadily since January, 1964. My father works part-time for Short Tire and Oil Co., 1300 South Main St., Greenwood, Miss. I also work there sometimes when I am not driving a truck. My father was told by David Short of the Short Tire and Oil Co. that I could no longer work there and that I would not be able to get another job in Greenwood since my picture had been shown to the members of the Citizen's Council.

Affidavit of Mrs. Alice Hemingway, P.O. Box 686, Itta Bena, Miss.: Tuesday, March 31, 1964, at about 11:30 a.m., I went down to the Leflore County Courthouse, located in Greenwood, Mississippi, to picket in the registration drive with a sign saying "I Want to Vote". A tall, slim officer in a blue uniform with soft blue cap, apparently City Police Chief Curtis Lary came up and said, "You aren't going to picket today." Right after that he took the sign off my neck and tore it up, and said, "Get off these streets. Go on." And I said, "Yes, sir." And then I left the courthouse and went on home.

At about the time that I was at the courthouse I saw a policeman kick Miss Dorothy Higgins as she was joining the picket line.

Affidavit of Mr. Charlie Hills: Mr. Charlie Hills, P.O. Box 543, Greenwood, Miss., made his fifth attempt to register on April 1, and was turned down. Mrs. Martha Lamb told him that he was not going to pass, so why keep coming here. He then replied, "I should pass. This is my fifth time." She then told him, "This is a mess. We White folks have been good to you all, so why don't you go home before the cops arrest you."

As Mr. Hills was leaving the courthouse, a policeman pulled beside him and said, "If I catch you in that line, I will shoot your damn head off." He then drove away.

original signed by Charlie Hills