

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
MADISON COUNTY**

I, Benjamin Small, 25 years of age, who resides at Way, Madison County, Mississippi, being duly sworn, deposes and says, to wit:

On May 23, 1964 at or about 4:30 P.M. I was driving my pick-up truck to attend the "Freedom Rally", to be held near Sherron, Madison County, at MacKlederson's Farm, at which the main speaker was to be Mr. James Farmer, a Congress of Racial Equality Civil Rights leader. When I reached Sherron and was near the Post Office when I saw the road blocked by cars, one car being a highway patrol car, there being four cars blocking the road. I stopped my truck behind the car ahead of me where a patrolman was checking licenses.

After awhile, the patrolman came to me and asked to see my license. Then the patrolman began to write a ticket for "running a stop sign". He then told me to see a deputy by the name of "Holly" who sign his name to the ticket. Then this Holly said that I could pay him right there. The fine was \$16.00. I have not paid the fine.

I believe that they stopped me only because I was attending this freedom rally- and all of these deputies standing around.

Witnesses to the above transaction are: George Washington Reed, Rt. One Box 195, Canton, Mississippi, Beatrice Evers, Rt. two, (Campbell Route), Canton, Mississippi.

signed Benjamin L. Small  
23 day of May, 1964

signed John Dorsey Dale Jr.  
Notary public