

MORE PETITIONS FOR FRANK

Former Assistant to Georgia Prosecutor Asks for Commutation.

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ATLANTA, May 20.—Thousands of Atlanta business men, including practically every banker in the city, and Basil Stockbridge, a former assistant to Solicitor General Hugh M. Dorsey, have signed their names to petitions pleading for a commutation of Leo M. Frank's death sentence. Stockbridge at times aided the prosecutor in the various phases of the Frank case.

There are said to be several hundred petitions in circulation in Atlanta alone, while there are hundreds of others in the State. Petitions and letters flood Governor Slaton's office with each incoming mail. It is predicted that there will be over a million names submitted to Governor Slaton and the Prison Commission in the appeal for commutation of Frank's sentence to life imprisonment.

The Prison Commission hearing has been set for May 31, and it is possible that the entire week will be occupied by it. Two days following the first session Jim Conley, the negro who testified against Frank, and who was convicted of implication in the murder, will be freed, having served his sentence of one year. He will get forty-four days off the twelve months for good behavior.

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