

MINISTERS AID FRANK.

Organization Formed at Atlanta to Urge Commutation.

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ATLANTA, Ga., May 23.—Urging that time be allowed in which to clear the mystery of Mary Phagan's murder, Atlanta ministers have organized for an effort to obtain commutation of the sentence of Leo M. Frank from death to life imprisonment. Leaders in the movement are Dr. John F. White, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, and the Rev. C. B. Wilmer of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Other ministers interested are the Rev. C. W. Daniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church; the Rev. C. O. Jones, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church; the Rev. Jacob L. White, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle; the Rev. Orme Flinn, pastor of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. A. R. Holderby, pastor emeritus of Moore Memorial Church.

A resolution appealing for commutation is ready for presentation to Governor Slaton. It will be submitted by the body of ministers in person to the Governor, and they will also make verbal arguments in behalf of the condemned man.

The decision of the ministers to act followed a visit of Dr. Wilmer to Frank. After spending an afternoon with the prisoner, Dr. Wilmer called the ministers together and urged organized action to obtain clemency. In his sermon at the Baptist Tabernacle today the Rev. J. L. White strongly urged commutation.

The jurors who found Frank guilty will meet this week to decide whether to ask the Prison Commission to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

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