

FINAL PLEA FOR FRANK TO BE MADE SATURDAY

Remarks of the Governor Con- strued as Meaning That He Would Pass on Appeal.

The final plea for a commutation of the death sentence imposed on Leo Frank for the killing of Mary Phagan will be heard by Governor Slaton Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

The time was agreed upon by attorneys representing Frank and Solicitor Hugh Dorsey at a meeting in the governor's office Thursday morning.

That Governor Slaton will act upon the petition for clemency and not pass it to his successor was deduced from remarks the governor made during the conference.

The attorneys representing Frank were W. M. Howard, of Augusta; M. J. Yeomans, of Dawson, and Harry Alexander and Leonard Haas, of Atlanta. Solicitor Dorsey represented the state.

Saturday Agreed Upon.

Attorney Howard made the formal motion for a hearing and the governor asked both sides what time would be agreeable. Saturday morning at 9 o'clock was decided upon.

From Solicitor Dorsey's remarks it is thought probable that several out-of-town gentlemen will likely appear and ask to be heard. He did not state who they were.

Attorney Howard outlined the argument that he would present for executive clemency. He said that the governor would be asked to review what had been presented to the prison commission—Judge Roan's letter, the letters of Jim Conley to Maude Carter in jail, the letter written by Mrs. Frank to the prison commission, the report of physicians who examined Frank, and the opinion of handwriting experts.

Attorney Howard told the governor that it would take about ten hours to read the records. Solicitor Dorsey said he believed it would take at least two days.

Remarks of Governor.

The remarks made by the governor, which it was believed indicated that he would hear the petition and make a decision before Judge Harris became governor, were as follows:

"I have my message to the legislature to write and have other details of closing my administration to dispose of, all of which will keep me very busy until the last day of my term. So if there was any way in which the responsibility for passing on this case could be left to my successor, I would be inclined, owing to the shortness of time allowed me to study the case, to do so. But since the date set for Frank's execution, June 22, comes within my term, I would like for you gentlemen to expedite the hearing as much as possible, to give me time to familiarize myself with the record and the arguments."