

PASTORS TO PLEAD FOR COMMUTATION OF FRANK SENTENCE

Agreement Is Reached at
Conference of Prominent
Members of Atlanta Evan-
gelical Ministers' Associa-
tion.

DR. C. B. WILMER VISITS CELL OF THE PRISONER

"It Is Not Right to Hang a
Man Convicted Under Cir-
cumstances Surrounding
This Case," Says Dr. J. E.
White.

Pleading that time be allowed to
clear up the mystery of Mary Pha-
gan's murder, a number of Atlanta's
prominent ministers have banded them-
selves to secure commutation of the
sentence of Leo M. Frank from death
to life imprisonment.

Leaders in the movement are Dr.
John E. White, pastor of the Second
Baptist church, and Rev. C. B. Wilmer,
of St. Luke's Episcopal church. Other
ministers interested are Rev. C. W.
Daniel, pastor of the First Baptist; Rev.
C. O. Jones, pastor of Trinity Metho-
dist church; Rev. Jacob L. White, pas-
tor of the Baptist Tabernacle; Rev.
Richard Orme Fliin, pastor of North
Avenue Presbyterian, and Rev. A. R.
Holderby, pastor emeritus Moore Me-
morial.

Will Appear Before Governor.

A resolution appealing for commu-
tation and strongly advising against
capital punishment in Frank's case has
already been drawn and is ready for
presentation to Governor Slaton. It
will be submitted by the body of min-
isters in person to the governor and
they will also deliver verbal arguments
in behalf of the condemned man.

A meeting was recently held by the
group of ministers to confer over the
advisability of coming to the prisoner's
aid. It followed a visit of Dr. Wilmer
to Frank's cell, where he spent an en-
tire afternoon in company with the
doomed man. An address urging com-
mutation was delivered to the gather-
ing by Dr. Wilmer.

The movement, it was stated by min-
isters Sunday, is being made independ-
ent of any organization or cause. As
was stated by Dr. J. E. White, "It is
purely a gentleman's agreement to aid
a move we consider, in this case,
worthy and necessary. It is not right
to hang a man under the circumstances
that surrounded the Frank case. Time
should be given a chance to wipe out
all doubt."

W. M. Howard Here.

W. M. Howard, former congressman,
who has been employed to present the
petition of Leo Frank for commutation
of sentence before the state prison
commission, May 31, arrived in the city
Sunday to study the court records of
the noted case. He will remain at the
Wincoff hotel until after the final ar-
guments.

"I have nothing to say concerning
the case of Leo Frank," said Congress-
man Howard last night. "I spent the
day consulting with a few of Frank's
friends who are aiding him in his fight
for his life. I made only a casual
survey of the situation, and shall spend
the intervening time before the hear-
ing in studying the court records."

Congressman Howard said he had
an interview with Frank two weeks
ago.