

PETITIONS FOR FRANK SIGNED BY 15,000

**Cincinnati Newspaper Writer
Brings Them to Georgia—Big
Mass in Chicago Sunday.**

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ATLANTA, May 11.—With the death date for Leo M. Frank definitely fixed for June 22, attorneys for the condemned man are preparing for the final plea to be made before the State Prison Commission and the Governor for a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment. Fifteen thousand petitions for clemency for Frank were brought to the Capitol today to be delivered to Governor Staton by Miss Eleanor Post, a writer on a Cincinnati paper. The petitions were collected by the Cincinnati paper from all over Ohio, and make a package weighing seventy-five pounds.

The bale of letters was placed in an enormous goods box in the Governor's reception room, in which were already about 25,000 letters asking clemency for Frank. These letters came from all sections of the country.

The Rev. C. B. Ragsdale and R. L. Barber failed to appear in court today to stand trial on charges of perjury in swearing to alleged false affidavits in connection with the Frank case, and Judge Hill forfeited their bonds. Solicitor Dorsey said Barber had informed him he was ill and, therefore, could not appear. No excuse was given for Ragsdale's absence.

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