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"FACE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR AGITATING"

" For attempting to organize the unemployed and agitating among mill workers for better conditions, six Communists are facing the electric chair in Atlanta, Ga. They were arrested under an old slave law on the charge of "inciting to insurrection," and the prosecutor has stated that he will demand the death penalty.

President Mary Barker of the American Federation of Teachers, an Atlantan, denounces the charges against the arrested workers as "ridiculous and outrageous." "If they can railroad Communists for organizing workers," she said, "they can do the same to any other labor organizers." President Barker attributes the persecution of the prisoners to their agitation among the exploited Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills workers of Atlanta, whose average wages are around \$10 a week; and Secretary Carl Karston of the Atlanta Federation of Trades and Editor Jerome Jones of the Atlanta Labor Journal take the same position.

An amusing phase of the trial has been the inclusion in the indictment of Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto," a classic document which is studied in nearly all universities and is on the list of required readings in the department of economics at Emory University in DeKalb county. "Denial to workers of the right to read this literature," says the International Labor Defense, "is the straight jacket that the employers are seeking to put on the mind of Georgia labor, while at the same time strapping the spokesmen of the workers in the electric chair."