

1,000,000 PLEAD FOR FRANK.

Total of Illinois Petitioners — Chicago Committee on Way to Atlanta.

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CHICAGO, May 29.—Bearing a petition signed by 600,000 persons and resolutions passed by numerous societies protesting against the execution of Leo M. Frank, the Chicago Committee departed tonight for Atlanta, Ga., to wait on Governor John M. Slaton Monday and present their prayer for commutation to life imprisonment. The committee carries embossed copies of the resolutions adopted by the great mass meetings in the Powers Theatre and the Auditorium Hotel, a telegram from Governor Dunne, the petitions of the Illinois Legislature, the Illinois Bankers' Association, Mayor Thompson, City Attorney Charles R. Francis, the Judges of the Circuit, Superior, County and Appellate Courts, the Chicago Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Lawyers' Association of Illinois, the American and Chicago Medical Associations, editors of Illinois, and 200 clergymen of different denominations.

Monster petitions from the big towns in Illinois and Indiana and 100 places, letters of appeal from scores of publicists, and the expert opinion of Judges and lawyers in support of a commutation on legal grounds are part of the great prayer expressed in the documents conveyed by the committee. To these are added the petition of 575,000 citizens and those of numerous trade, educational, and official bodies. With the petitions already forwarded by the Anti-Capital Punishment Society and other organizations, the total of Illinois petitioners will exceed 1,000,000.

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