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RE: ROY BRYANT, et al;
EMMETT LOUIS TILL, Aka. - VICTIM
KIDNAPING; CIVIL RIGHTS

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At second day of murder trial in instant case in Circuit Court, Tallahatchie County, Sumner, Miss., on 9/20/55, remainder of jurors were selected. No testimony given but expected to commence 9/21/55. MAMIE BRADLEY of Chicago, Ill., and mother of victim TILL, subpoenaed as State witness and arrived in Sumner afternoon 9/20/55, via Memphis, Tenn.

MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR, issue of 9/20/55, and Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, issue of 9/21/55, reported that an observer at trial is U. S. Representative CHARLES DIGGS, Negro, Democrat representing Michigan's 13th Congressional District, located in Detroit, Michigan. DIGGS scheduled a press conference at Mound Bayou, Miss., all Negro community for night of 9-20-55. Thus far the Communist Party in W st Tennessee is taking no action in instant case. No CP activity known to exist in Mississippi.

ROB HALL, DAILY WORKER correspondent, who is covering trial as accredited representative of his paper, is quoted, by CLARK PORTEOUS, Memphis PRESS-SCIMITAR reporter, as saying he is impressed with the dignity and decorum of presiding Judge CURTIS M. SWANGO and with the earnestness of the prosecutors.

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