

November 19, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DANIEL GEORGIA LYNCHINGS:

I went to Quitman Tuesday night and saw our man, who was sick in bed, and had a long talk with him about coming North. His position is a critical one and it will mean a very great sacrifice for him to pull up and leave. He owns three pieces of property in Quitman, and on one of these there is a home which cost him \$1100. In addition he has five children - four of them his own, one a step-child. Two of these children are eight months old and are still being fed from a bottle. Since I was in Quitman in July his wife has died and he has the support of all these children upon him. He feels that it would be dangerous to bring these children North, especially at this time of the year. I suggested to him that he send the children to his brother in Jacksonville, but this plan does not meet his approval. He also has a very great number of relatives in and around Quitman and he feels that his testifying will endanger their lives.

He has been threatened already and the "Crisis" article has been read by every white person in the town. A man by the name of Walton, an ex-policeman, came to him, showed him the article and remarked that it was a shame that such a lie should be published.

This region has been in a veritable reign of terror since I was here. Eight Negroes, relatives of the persons lynched in May, have been lynched, or have disappeared, since I was in Quitman. These names and the circumstances of the lynchings are to be secured for me by Dr. Grant of Quitman. No newspaper was allowed to carry any report of these lynchings.

I have hopes, however, of getting our man to leave. He was unable to make up his mind while I was there, but I have talked with his minister and physician, and both of them are going to talk to him and try to get him to leave.

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