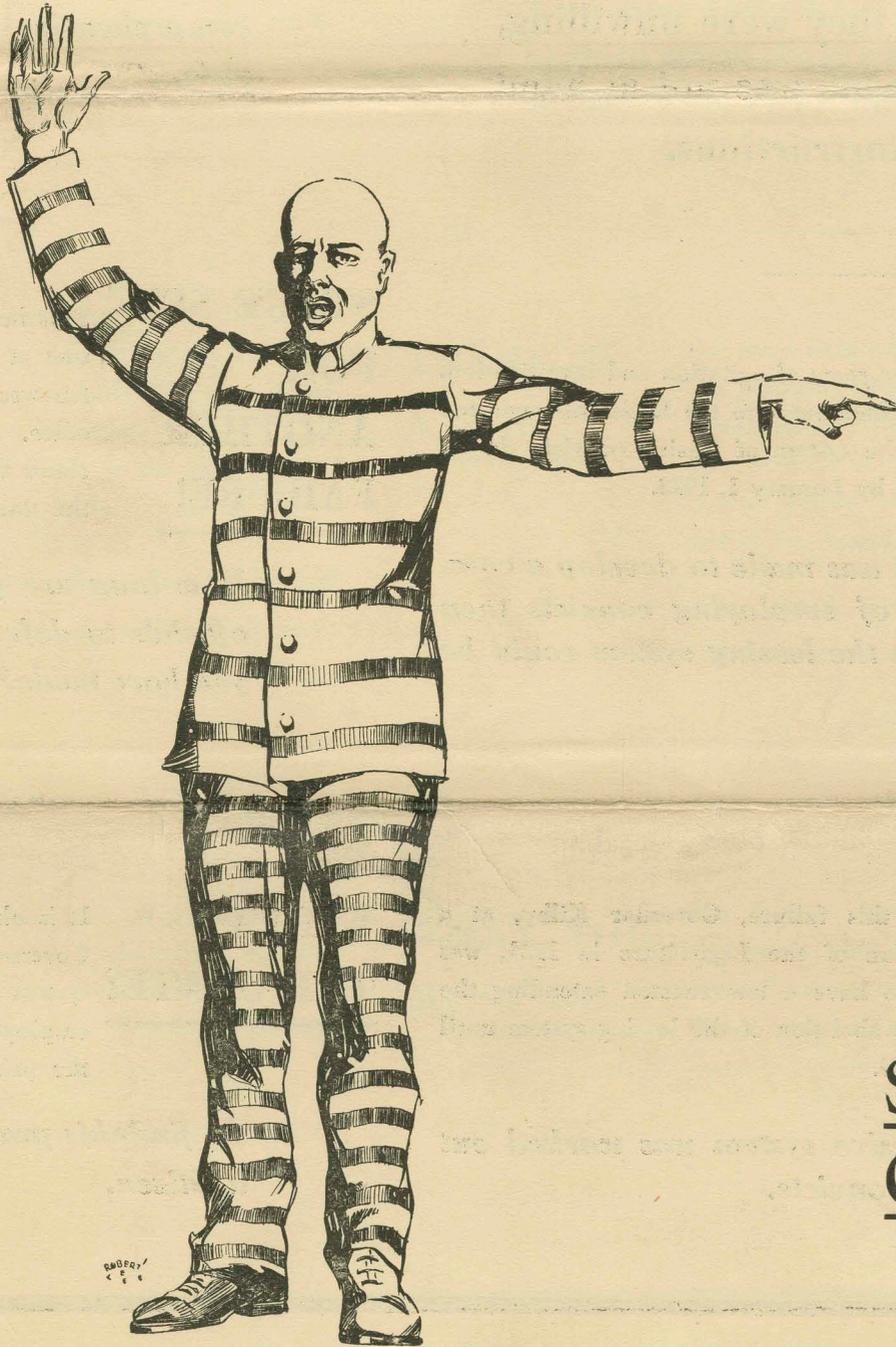


WHO is the State of ALABAMA?



**“YOU are
responsible
for me!”**

**STATE-WIDE
COMMITTEE**

HILLMAN HOTEL
BIRMINGHAM

The Citizen—The State of Alabama—The Convict!!

This is your own record Mr. and Mrs. Alabama-citizen. You told your legislators to abolish the convict-leasing system for you. This they have failed to do, not because they were unwilling, but because the means was not at hand to carry out your instructions.

YOU DID THIS!

In 1919, after years of agitation and investigation, by an over-whelming vote the Legislature enacted a law that the system of leasing convicts should be abolished by January 1, 1923.

No successful effort was made to develop a comprehensive system of employing convicts then under lease, so that the leasing system could be abolished.

WHO FAILED?

Because of this failure, Governor Kilby, at a special session of the Legislature in 1921, was compelled to have a law enacted extending the time for the abolition of the leasing system until January, 1924.

Still no comprehensive system was worked out for employing the convicts.

WHO FAILED AGAIN?

The Legislature, January 1923, was again compelled to extend the time for the abolition of the leasing system.

Still no adequate steps were taken to develop a comprehensive system for employing the convicts.

STAGE SET FOR ANOTHER FAILURE!

This last extension postpones action on the abolition of the leasing system until March 31, 1927, ten weeks after the present administration leaves office. The new administration can promptly claim that ten weeks' notice is not enough, and the stage is set for more delay.

How long are you going to allow your elected officials to defer action on the specific demands you have made?

WHO IS THE STATE?

It is obvious you cannot expect your State, your Governor, your Legislature, to abandon the leasing system until some practical method is found of employing the convicts for the benefit of the State, the prisoners and their dependents.

To find this practical method is your problem as a citizen.

WILL YOU PERMIT ANOTHER FAILURE?

Your State Wide Campaign Committee had legislation introduced in the State Senate, fixing the time for the abolition of the leasing system at September 30, 1925.

This gives the present administration two full years to act on the practical methods you suggest to take the place of the leasing system.

THERE IS A WAY!

For more than five years you have been demanding the abolition of the convict leasing system. You have failed because you have not suggested a practical method to take the place of the leases. In a few months your State Wide Campaign Committee has found the way.

There is a definite, practical constructive plan ready for Alabama.

WHAT YOU MUST DO!

You must back your Committee in its demand that the present State Administration solve this problem. You must provide the means to place your State Wide Campaign Committee on a permanent basis to see that its plan is carried out.

—This is the Program

You Have the Program--This Is the Plan

Let's put our prisoners at work making a fair share of the supplies bought by the state each year.

Many States buy more supplies than they can make in their prisons. So our market is assured, and we can keep our prisoners busy, pay them wages to support their dependents, and make them earn their keep.

1. A survey of the annual supply purchases of the State of Alabama will disclose and make definite the initial market which can be supplied by our prison industries making for the States' own needs.
2. Cooperation with other adjacent States in the joint allocation of industries will expand this initial market by permitting the interchange of the surplus production of prison industries to supply the needs of the several States.

The National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor, in March, 1923, called a conference of state prison officials in charge of industries which was held in Washington D. C. The conference was attended by representatives of seventeen states and cities.

After going over the plan with great care this conference appointed a Committee on Allocation of Prison Industries to work out the details of a states' use method of marketing the product of prison industries.

We spend over \$5,000,000 a year for supplies. Other States also buy millions of dollars worth of commodities each year.

Alabama convicts should first make goods for our State's own use, and, if they produce a surplus, we will sell it to other States, whose needs are exactly the same as ours.

Major Le Roy Hodges of Virginia, Director of the State Budget and Chairman of the Prison Board, has accepted the Chairmanship of this Committee and is actively directing its work.

The men who are being appointed by the Governors of the States as State representatives on this Committee are men experienced in the management of prison industries.

The Governor of Alabama has already appointed Hon. L. A. Boyd, Chairman State Board of Convict Supervisors, to represent Alabama on the Committee on the Allocation of Prison Industries.

In its work the Committee on the Allocation of Prison Industries will have the co-operation of the ASSOCIATES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE, INC., a voluntary non-profit-making organization created to assist state and city governments in applying modern business methods to the purchase of their supplies.

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