

# ZEIGLER COAL MINERS' TRIAL IS POSTPONED

## *Coaldiggers Will Face Trial February 2*

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BENTON, Ill., Dec. 1.—The defendants in the Zeigler miners' frame-up won a victory in the granting by the court of a motion of the defense for the postponement of the date of opening of the trial. Judge Eagleton of the Franklin county circuit court sustained the motion of Harry E. Morgan, attorney for the defense, for a continuance.

The opening date for the trial has been set for February 2, 1926. The motion was granted after a denial of the formal motion to quash indictments against the progressive miners. The affidavit of the defense declared as its grounds for desiring a continuance that a number of its important material witnesses were unavoidably absent from the trial and that their evidence would substantially aid the case for the defense.

Henry Corbishly, secretary of the Franklin County Defense Committee, announced that a renewed drive will now be made to get the moral and financial backing of every miner in the district and with the co-operation of the International Labor Defense of every worker in the country.

The addition of Judge Sidney Ward to attorneys for the defense has strongly strengthened the victims of the Farrington frame-up. No effort will be spared to present a solid case in February. All thru the county, the sentiment of the miners is growing stronger and bigger for the defendants, whose temporary removal from active union work they now realize to have been a blow at their own interests in their struggle for correct checkweighing in the mines and against the treasonable policy of the Farrington-Cobb machine.