

disposed of, and that this will delay the trial for another week. I hope that every facility of the Court of Appeals and of the Circuit Court will be directed to the trial of Guyton Jones as promptly as is possible.

As things stand now, the Circuit Court has decided that this case will be tried in Dorchester County. That is their responsibility, and the Governor has no power or authority under the law to interfere with it. I am in receipt today of letters from Chief Judge Pattison and State's Attorney Wallister advising me that in their opinions the State militia will not be needed for the protection of either Jones or Adams, but that the local authorities with the possible addition of the State Police can do all that is needed.

These letters were written before the lynching of Williams last night, and in view of that occurrence and of the other occurrences and developments, I have decided that, whatever may be the opinions which the local authorities now hold, it is my duty as Governor of the State to take the steps which I consider necessary to secure protection to both Jones and Adams, if the Judges adhere to their determination to try the case in Dorchester County.

I need not specify what the protection is which will be afforded. It is enough to say that it will be sufficient to safeguard Jones and Adams at their trial.