



ATLANTA, GA. November 20, 1914.

Hon. Adolf Ochs,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have read with deep interest and appreciation the editorials, bearing on my case, appearing in your issues of the "Times", November 16th and 17th. I feel that your editorials, with rare insight, have accurately diagnosed the issues of the proposition, and have accentuated the crux of the situation.

Far and away more important than the shell of legal intricacies and technicalities, is the reality beneath the shell—the question of human right and justice. The question to be decided is whether or not an unruly mob, operating in an atmosphere of smoldering violence and prejudice, may, with impunity and the apparent seal of judicial approval, invade our courts, and compel verdicts. Are the safeguards thrown about defendants, and which have been developed and insisted upon during the many years past as fundamental at common law, to be cast ruthlessly aside, just because a howling, violent mob threatens?

Our motion "to set aside" becomes not the invoking of a technicality which may be lightly sidetracked because procedure is, or is not, thus and so; but it invokes a basic human right, a right grounded in the fibre of Anglo-Saxon intelligence and civilization. Orderly trial by a jury is