

FRANK HEARING IN JUNE.

Prison Commission Expects Delay
in Decision on His Petition.

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ATLANTA, April 29.—Members of the Georgia Prison Commission believe that the petition of Leo M. Frank for a commutation of his death sentence to imprisonment for life will not be reached before June and probably not until some time in July. They state that they will go into the case thoroughly and that much time will be consumed in the hearing. It is understood to be the purpose of the Commissioners to turn themselves into jurors and practically retry the case.

If Frank's petition will not be heard before June the recommendation of the Prison Commission will not reach the Governor's office until Governor Slaton has retired and Judge Harris has been sworn in as Governor. It is an open secret that Frank and his friends would prefer Judge Harris to make final disposition of the case.

It is also understood that Governor Slaton would prefer the case to go to Judge Harris. The Governor's attitude is due to the fact that he is a member of the law firm which defended Frank at his trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Frank, Leo M. Frank's parents, who live at 152 Underhill Avenue, Brooklyn, have gone to Atlanta to see their son, it was learned yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank left Tuesday and will be absent for several days. Otto Stern, Frank's brother-in-law, said that the visit of Frank's parents to Atlanta was not to intercede with the Governor, but was simply to see their son and console him for the adverse decision of the United States Supreme Court.

Many prominent officials in Brooklyn, Frank's native city, have consented to become members of the Leo M. Frank Committee, the purpose of which is to urge executive clemency. Among them are Borough President Lewis A. Pounds, County Judges Robert M. Roy and John S. Hylan, County Clerk Charles S. Devoy, Register Edward T. O'Loughlin, Municipal Court Justice Stephen Callaghan, Magistrates Edward J. Dooley and Alfred E. Steers, Congressman Reuben H. Haskell, Revenue Collector Henry P. Keith, United States District Attorney Melville J. France, and Postmaster William E. Kelly.

The committee is arranging for a mass meeting to be held next week in the Academy of Music, at which several prominent persons will speak, including some who have made a close study of the Frank case. Joseph Goldstein, a lawyer of 16 Court Street, is planning the meeting. The committee intends to circulate petitions in Frank's behalf, which will be sent to the Governor of Georgia.