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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

LUCILE BLUFORD,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs) Civil Action No. 42
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 S.W. CANADA,)
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 Defendant.)

Affidavit of Lucile Bluford supporting Challenge to Panel

State of Missouri, County of Cole, ss:

Lucile Bluford being first duly sworn on oath states that she has been informed and believes and therefore avers that the following 13 counties comprise the Central Division of the Western District of Missouri: Benton, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Hickory, Howard, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage and Pettis; that by long established custom the persons called for jury service in the United States District Court for the Central Division of the Western District of Missouri are selected from qualified residents of said counties; that the 1930 United States Census shows the following population statistics for said counties (15th Census, 1930, Population, vol.III, tables 11 and 13) p. 1328 et seq.

County	Total pop.	Whites	Negroes	Negro males over 21
Benton	11,708	11,601	106	30
Boone	30,995	27,697	3,293	1,017
Callaway	19,923	17,317	2,504	833
Camden	9,142	9,129	13	5
Cole	30,848	28,590	2,233	1,439
Cooper	19,522	17,448	2,070	639
Hickory	6,430	6,430		
Howard	13,490	11,552	1,937	650
Miller	16,728	16,632	89	22
Moniteau	12,173	11,748	414	85
Morgan	10,968	10,732	236	78
Osage	12,462	12,388	74	20
Pettis	34,664	32,055	2,558	825

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She is informed and believes and therefore avers that a great many of the Negro males above listed possess all legal qualifications for jury service in this court under the United States statutes and the laws of Missouri and are fully qualified for jury service in the highest court of law in the State of Missouri and have no legal claim to exemption from jury service* Nevertheless she is further informed and believes and therefore avers that no qualified Negroes or other Negroes have been called for jury service in this court for at least fifty years, solely because of race or color, and that said failure to call Negroes to jury service in this court has been due to a systematic, unbroken course of race discrimination against permitting qualified Negroes to serve on juries in this court solely because of race.

Lucile Bluford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of October, 1940.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Cobb
Notary Public

MY COMM. EXPIRES AUG, 29, 1941

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