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Madison Loses His Appeal, To Take It Higher Conviction, Disbarment Of Negro Lawyer Upheld

Circuit Judge Eugene Carter yesterday upheld a common pleas court verdict in fining Arthur A. Madison, New York negro lawyer, \$500 and declaring Madison incompetent to practice law in Alabama.

Intent to appeal his case to the Alabama State Court of Appeals was indicated by Madison immediately upon pronouncement of the verdict.

The verdict was in one of five cases in which Madison, native of Montgomery County, was charged with attempting to act as counsel for as many negroes without having been retained by them, in violation of Alabama law.

Judge Carter continued the four remaining cases until next Wednesday. Identical verdicts had been rendered in each by Common Pleas Judge Lomax Crum.

The cases grew out of the filing of appeals by a group of negroes from action of the county board of registrars in refusing to list them as qualified voters. Five of those on whose behalf appeals were filed denied they had authorized the lawyer to act for them.

Others of the group, including General Madison, the defendant's brother, testified the efforts to register negroes was part of a two-year-old "movement," and that complainants in the cases under litigation were members of the "movement."

No jury trial was asked. Assistant Solicitor Evans Hinson said the jury venire for this week included the names of both negroes and white persons.

Arthur Shores, Birmingham negro lawyer, as defense counsel, argued that the State had not shown "criminal intent" and that Madison's purpose was "to help these people, to help the community and to make them better citizens." R. T. Rives, special prosecuting attorney, contended the testimony "clearly showed" that Madison had not been re-

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