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ROBERT WOOD FREED ON BAIL IN OKLAHOMA

Robert Wood, first of the 12 criminal syndicalism law victims in the State of Oklahoma to be tried and sentenced to 10 years and \$5,000 fine was free on \$15,000 bail on November 8, it was announced by the International Labor Defense.

Originally set at \$100,000 his bail was reduced by a persistent defense fight to \$20,000 and thento \$15,000 which was raised through the efforts of the I.L.D. \$10,000 was supplied by Mrs. Jessie Lloyd O'Connor of Hull House, Chicago, who is a member of the National Committee of the I.L.D. The remaining \$5,000 was supplied by a group of persons. The response to the drive for bail for Mr. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lewis was such that the bail funds were oversubscribed. In making this announcement the I.L.D. stated: "We face with confidence the task of raising bail for the remaining defendants as soon as the defense succeeds in forcing their bond to be lowered and set."

Mr. Wood is the fourth of the 12 criminal syndicalism defendants to be freed on bail in one week. The first was Miss Elizabeth Zelney Green whose \$20,000 bond was supplied by friends. The next to be taken from the cells where they had been held since August 17 were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lewis released on \$2,000 each.

The International Labor Defense urged all members and friends to redouble their efforts in behalf of the Oklahoma defense on the eve of the second trial which is set for November 12. Alan Shaw, 22, is to be tried under the criminal syndicalism law for membership in the Communist Party. Funds to meet court costs, the expenses in connection with securing the transcripts, records and briefs for the appeal in the Wood case are urgently needed and should be rushed to ILD headquarters at 112 East 19th Street.