

History 225

Re: Outline for Decline and Fall of Congressional Reconstruction

I. Sage comments by instructor on White Terror

A. A look at the Enforcement Acts and KKK Act under Grant administration. These would be the North's last serious efforts to sustain Radical Reconstruction govts. in the South.

II. Withering Away of Northern Support (1868-1872)/Phase I

A. Gilded Age Politics/North and South

B. Changing profile of the Republican party

C. Liberals dissent the Republican party

III. Withering Away/ Phase II

A. Depression Politics, 1873--

1. Ascendancy of Political Conservatism in the North

C. Constitutional Retreats (Court follows the election returns)

Cases to note: (1) Slaughterhouse case; (2) U.S. v. Cruikshank (1876); U.S. v. Reese (1878)

IV. Toward the Compromise of 1877

A. Disputed 1876 election

B. Guts of the Compromise

V. Redeemer Program for the "New South" (Foner Epilogue)