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Picket Trial Begins at

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SAN JOSE — Opening statements began today in the trial of 19 supporters of Angela Davis who were arrested for picketing outside the courtroom where she is being tried.

They were among 34 persons arrested on Jan. 31 and Feb. 2 under a law that prohibits picketing with intent to interfere with justice, and failure to disperse.

Defense attorneys argued today that the law involved is unconstitutional.

Among the defendants before Municipal Judge Wayne M. Kanemoto are Miss Davis' sister, Fania Elizabeth Jordan, 24; Franklin Alexander, coordinator of the United Committee to Free Angela Davis; Bettina Aptheker Kurzweil, 27, a self-styled Communist; and Daniel Hallinan, 23, son of San Francisco attorney Vincent Hallinan.
