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Singing at Mass Meeting: Going to let my freedom in/ let my freedom in, one of these days/ we're going to eat at the freedom table/ oh, we're going to eat at the freedom table, one of these days/ hallelujah/ we're going to eat at the freedom table/ eat at the freedom table one of these days/ hallelujah

[audio clip change]

Singing at Mass Meeting: ...guide my feet, while I run this race/ oh, I don't want to run this race in vain. Larry Rubin: [singing fades to background] This is a mass meeting in Terrell County. It is in a tent on the same site where a church once stood. The church was burned down last summer. The people of the county are huddled around a small Carson stove. They look nervously at the tent opening every time there is a noise outside. Twice the county sheriff has broken up the meeting, but they have faith that they shall overcome.

[singing resumes in volume]

Freedom Singers: ...run this race in vain/ guide my heart while I run this race/ guide my heart while I run this race/ oh, guide my heart while I run this race/ oh I don't want to run this race in vain.

Reverend[?]: Let us bow our heads and start a prayer. O gracious King as they come together, we pray that Thou will bless our coming together. Bless this people, pray to give us strength, give us courage to carry on, to fight on and on until the victory is won. This we ask in the name of our Son Christ Jesus. Amen. At this time, I would like to say, welcome everybody to the home of the brave. I think I used that name to call what we people in Terrell County went through in order get the few people we have got registered to vote. [shout of Amen! In the background] Because that's our primary objective, it's very hard. Although it shouldn't be, but it's very hard.

[cut to different clip]

Unidentified man 1: Well this was an outgrowth of the Albany movement, but meeting was fired after that because the child was one of the children who attempted to integrate the white high school in Albany. All of them walked out. It was just wonderful to see that sort of spirit on that sort of unanimity, and it seems to me, when you really want something you believe in it you'll get up everything to try and get it. So I hope that will fight with that kind spirit.

[cut to different clip]

Unidentified Woman 1: I'll tell you what we need to do. We need to go on over here to Dawson and fall out on our knees and ask God to have mercy like he did in Albany. That same God in Albany is over here now.

[cut to different clip]

Unidentified woman 2: You are may remember that we were all for the exercise a while back when seven people who had been picketing very peacefully in the middle of Albany in connection with asking people not to buy downtown or Midtown, because business, were arrested and thrown in jail. After they are bonded out, they went to Washington and picketed the Department of Justice with signs that read, among other things, "we can pick it here, why not in Albany, Georgia?" Which was a very good question. [cut to different clip]

Unidentified woman 3: We shall overcome. We shall overcome some day, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome, someday. Would you stand joined hands right over left and sing with us, "We Shall Over

Come.”

Freedom Singers: We shall overcome/ Oh, Lord we shall overcome/ My Lord, we shall overcome/ Someday/
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe/ We shall overcome, someday/ We are not afraid/ We are not afraid/ My
Lord, [singing fades out]

Radio Host: Revolution in Georgia: The Negro Struggle for Franchise. This has been the first in a series of four
programs producer radio by Larry Rubin, a white Antioch student, who worked for the Student Nonviolent
Coordinating Committee in Southwest Georgia’s voter registration movement. Tonight, Rubin discussed the
organization and function of the movement. Next week at this time the series continues with the second
program entitled “Roots of Discontent,” in which Rubin traces the origins of the conflict. The songs “Woke
Up this Morning” and “We Shall Overcome” were sung by the freedom singers.

[singing resumes from background]

Freedom Singers: The truth will make us free/ My Lord, the truth will make us free/ My Lord, the truth will
make us free, Some Day/ Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe/ We shall overcome.