

GOV. SLATON DELAYS LEO FRANK DECISION

*Believed in Atlanta That This
Favors Prisoner—Announce-
ment Due Monday.*

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ATLANTA, June 18.—Governor Slaton, in answer to inquiries of newspaper men this afternoon, said that it would probably be Monday afternoon before he would be able to reach a decision in the Frank matter.

Ever since the hearing before him closed the Governor has been giving every spare moment to a consideration of the case, and has remained up until 1 o'clock each night studying it.

The Governor received a number of visitors at the capitol this afternoon, some of whom came to talk of the Frank case. They were permitted to talk briefly, but were advised in advance that the Governor would not discuss the case in any way. The Governor is studying the case in all its aspects, and has thoroughly familiarized himself with the trial record.

There is a general feeling that the Governor's delay in deciding the case favors a commutation of the death sentence. Many assert that if he intended to be governed by the court decisions, which have been uniformly adverse to Frank, there would have been no need to devote so much time to the case, and his decision would have been handed down soon after the hearing closed. Of course, this is mere speculation, but it is generally being engaged in. So strong is the feeling in some quarters about the Governor's action that an offer to wager 3 to 1 in favor of commutation found few takers this afternoon.

Friends of Frank, jailkeepers and the special turnkey assigned to his cell, say that Frank is cheerful and that he constantly assures visitors that he is confident of rescue from the scaffold.

Great excitement was caused in Atlanta tonight by a rumor that Governor Slaton had already commuted Frank's sentence and that the prisoner had been secretly sent to the State Prison Farm at Milledgeville. Governor Slaton, however, denied these reports.