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INJUNCTION SIGNED AGAINST 180 ATLANTA PRODUCE DEALERS

An injunction permanently restraining 180 wholesale produce firms in Atlanta, Georgia, from violation of any provisions of the Wage and Hour Law was signed by Judge Marvin Underwood in the U. S. Court in the Northern District of Georgia at Rome today, according to a telegram received by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, from James G. Johnson, Supervising Inspector for the Division for the states of Georgia and Florida.

The injunction affects almost all of the dealers engaged in the wholesale produce business in Atlanta, and involves not only the large wholesale establishments, but most of a bigger group, who occupy stalls at the farmers' market. The Atlanta farmers' market is regulated by the Georgia State Department of Agriculture.

Under the terms of the injunction several thousand employees of these concerns will have their workweek reduced from as high as 56 hours to 42 or less, or they will receive overtime at the rate of time and one-half for all hours worked in excess of 42 in any workweek.

In announcing that the dealers had agreed voluntarily to comply with the Act and had entered no objection to the filing of a decree against them, Colonel Fleming expressed his gratification at the attitude of cooperation evinced by all of them.

"When our investigators discovered several of these firms were in violation of the Act," Colonel Fleming said, "the dealers themselves called a meeting in the markets and voluntarily agreed to comply immediately