

ATLANTA, GA., WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 1903

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Alleged That Peonage Is Being
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United States Government Is Inves-
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kie Gives Details of the Work-
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System.

Washington, May 26.—At the request of the department of justice, the United States secret service has undertaken the work of investigating the charge of peonage, or holding another in servitude to work out a debt, which has been made against persons living in the vicinity of Montgomery, Ala. The punishment provided by the statute for this crime is a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, or imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five. One man.

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But Governor Will Use
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Fund.

Governor Terrell and Adjutant Robertson are very much worried by the news that they have received from Washington to the effect that there is only \$25,000 available for the expenses of the encampment of the Georgia troops, instead of the \$16,800 they supposed was there. It is, however, that they were misled on the subject, and now, as the encampment is being completed for the end of the month, they have just been notified that they are \$16,800 less than they had calculated.

This state of affairs necessitates the question of an encampment for all the troops in some doubt. Governor Terrell does not know yet what steps he will take in the matter, but he will not know until the calculations of the expenses of the encampment have been completed and laid before him. This work is now being done by W. G. Obear, inspector general, and will not be completed until the middle of the week.