

# DIRT FARMERS DRAW DEMANDS AT CAPITAL

Delegates From Thirty States Drive Their Own Cars, but Stage No Demonstration.

WILL CALL ON LEGISLATORS

To Demand Action on a Moratorium on Mortgages, Taxes, Interest and Foreclosures.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. — "Dirt farmers" from thirty States began here tonight to formulate the demands they will submit to their representatives in Congress, probably on Friday.

Tentatively they propose to demand a moratorium on mortgages, taxes and interest payments, and an end to evictions and foreclosures for the period of the depression. So far there is nothing in their program calling for a dole or anything resembling it.

The delegates bear all the earmarks of real farmers. They use the word "dirt" in describing themselves, but as a matter of fact they are physically clean, comfortably clad, and pleasant to deal with. They say they are "mad" but they do not look it. There are certain things they want and want them now, but they are not overoptimistic that they will get them.

As did the hunger marchers, they came in motor vehicles, but unlike the horde that evacuated the city yesterday and today, the farmers who drove the machines owned them. They brought no bands and will stage no parades. They will call by appointment on the representatives in Congress from their respective States and tell them what they want.

Then they are going back to their farms, where they will tell "the folks" just what their Senators and Representatives said in response to their demands.

Senators and Representatives have been notified that delegations of "their own constituents" will call on them some time Friday. The instructions to the delegations are to present the demands of the "dirt farmers" to these legislators in full. Each legislator will be asked the direct question "Are you for or against these demands?" If the answer is "yes" he will be requested to make good his convictions on the floor of Congress. At a later session the delegations will report back to the conference the result of the conferences.

The delegates are paying their own way. Most of them are quartered at the municipally operated tourist camp in Potomac Park. Not a single policeman is on duty at the conference hall.