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A historic fight will begin on the floor of the United States Senate on Monday. At that time a coalition of Northern Democrats and Republicans will join together in an effort to ram down the throats of the people of the South the so-called civil rights bill. This bill is designed to force integration of the races through judicial decree and tyranny. The issue to be decided is whether we in the South will be permitted to manage our own lives and our own affairs or whether this band of integrationists will turn the job over to Federal judges, marshalls, or possibly even Federal troops.

I am making this fight with a determination to win. I am prepared to speak at great length and to the full extent of my physical capacity to block passage of this obnoxious legislation. During the past several weeks we Southern Senators have been holding caucuses for the purpose of planning the best type of strategy to employ.

I hope that it will not be long before we can achieve victory so that we can preserve what remnants are left of constitutional government. I must admit, however, that the fight will be harder than in previous years. We can expect no help from either political party. Both parties are out to make an election issue to take home to their minority blocs in the big northern states which control national elections. I can promise you, however, that we shall give them the fight of their lives.

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