Haywood and 8 Others Held for Conspiracy

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CHICAGO, Sept. 28.— William D. Haywood and eight other leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World were jailed by federal authorities tonight in default of bonds ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

They were the first arrested following the return of indictments in which the federal grand jury accused 166 officers and members of the organization of "conspiring against the government."

Those arrested are:

William D. Haywood, general secretary and treasurer.

Richard Brazier of Spokane, member of executive council.

George Andreytchine of Duluth, manager of the publicity bureau in Chicago.

Ralph H. Chaplin, editor and manager of Solidarity.

Vladimir Lossieff of Chicago.

Bert L. Orton of Chicago.

Charles Rothfisher.

Charles Plahm of Chicago and Detroit.

Herbert Mahler of Seattle and Chicago.

All nine were arrested in or near the IWW headquarters at 1001 West Madison Street. Sixty others were taken into custody with them and questioned tonight by government agents.

Additional arrests are to be made tomorrow in a dozen cities. All are to be brought to Chicago for trial. No date has been set for the prosecution.

"Big Bill" Haywood and his aides offered no resistance when 20 detectives surrounded them in the IWW headquarters.

"I expected it," said Haywood, "and I don't care to talk about it."