JOHN W. WILLIAMS

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Jackson, Miss July 7 - John W. Williams of Montgomery County, Indiana through Watkins & Watkins, attorneys has filed a habeas corpus petition in the US Court here, seeking to secure the release from the First Mississippi Regiment of his twiin sons, Frank H. and Fred M. Williams. The petition alleges that these boys are under the legal age of consent and that they will remain minors until August 28, 1916. It is further alleged that the boys enlisted without his knowledge or consent and he prays the court to require George C. Hoskins, colonel commanding the Mississippi Regiment to surrender the twins to his parental custody.

It is probable that Judge Niles will dispose of this case when he takes up those previously heard the past week, which he has held in abeyance, owing to the intervention of the Vicksburg court which concluded its business yesterday.