

GAINES SUIT IS DROPPED

BOONE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DISMISSES NEGRO'S ACTION.

A 10-Month Search by His Law- years Fails to Find Plaintiff, Who Demanded Admittance to University.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 1.—Legal efforts of Lloyd Gaines, St. Louis Negro, to become a student at the University of Missouri here to an abrupt end today in the Boone County Circuit court when the case was dismissed by Judge W. M. Dinwiddie.

Ten months of attempts by Gaines's attorneys to find the plaintiff have been fruitless, and in an affidavit they requested dismissal of the suit.

The Gaines case has been in the courts for two years, bringing decisions from the Boone County Circuit court and the state supreme court denying the Negro admittance to the university. These decisions, however, were reversed by the United States Supreme court, which ruled that the state of Missouri, in paying fees of Negroes to attend school in other states for courses not provided by the Negro Lincoln university at Jefferson City, was not offering "equal educational opportunities" for Negroes in the state.

In the meantime, Lincoln university inaugurated a law school in St. Louis and Gaines's second suit contended that the Lincoln branch school still failed to provide him with equal educational opportunities. It was this suit which was dismissed today.

Another suit, by Lucile Bluford of Kansas City, has been filed in an effort to gain admittance of Negroes to the university here. Miss Bluford, graduate of the University of Kansas, seeks admission as a journalism student.