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Text of Account:

English translation –

p. 182:

“Statement of Nicolas Ganga, over twenty-five, carter, field hand at the ingenio.

. . . planning for the rebellion began some two months ago . . . [the meet-

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ings] were in different places, sometimes in the huts, other times in the cane fields, sometimes in the sugar mill, and sometimes in the very fields where they were working. . . . The purpose and objective of the uprising were to go to the farms, gather together the greatest possible number of slaves, make war on the whites, become free, and not do any work . . .”

Comment from Rodríguez: (p. 203n12)

“The combat on the ingenio San Rafael effectively snuffed out the rebellion. All the slaves on the ingenio Triunvirato – 240 -- and some from the ingenio Arcana – 270 -- participated, while

the slaves on the rest of the ingenios involved did not back them up. Manuel Ganga, Narciso, Zoilo, Cirilo, Adan, and Fermina -- Lucumis all -- and Agustin Carabali, Niclas Ganga, and the fugitives Cristobal, Santiago, and Eduardo were condemned to be shot in the back. Also, two slaves each from the ingenios Triunvirato, Acana, La Concepcion, and San Miguel were condemned to death, “their cadavers to be incinerated, the respective ingenio slaves and ten Negroes from each of the adjacent farms to witness their executions.” A number of other slaves were condemned to lashings, shackles, and incarceration on their respective farms.”

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