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Closing arguments on the Marion Three Case (1985): Albert Turner was a civil rights activist and participated in the Voting Rights March from Selma to Montgomery. Turner led the Perry County Civic League (PCCL), which led voter assistance programs.

On Supreme Court decision against bus segregation (Browder v. Gayle) (1956): Shortly after the Montgomery bus boycott, Black activists brought a federal lawsuit against the state of Alabama's bus segregation laws.

On bus boycotts/racial bus segregation (1955): The Montgomery bus boycott was a political protest against racial segregation on public transit in Montgomery, Alabama. The boycott began December 5, 1955, after Rosa Parks had been arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger.

On 16th Street Baptist Church bombing (1963): On September 15th, 1963, four white supremacist terrorists bombed the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. The terrorists were members of a local Ku Klux Klan chapter and had planted 19 sticks of dynamite in the church.

The attempted assassination of Governor George C. Wallace (1972): Alabama Governor George C. Wallace campaigned for U.S. President in 1972. While campaigning in Maryland, Arthur Bremer attempted to assassinate him. Wallace survived but was paralyzed from the waist down.

Space Shuttle Challenger disaster (1986): The Space Shuttle Challenger launched and exploded 73 seconds into its flight on January 28, 1986. All seven crew members onboard were killed in the disaster.

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