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Nucleus of a Missouri Expedition Said to be Maturing Plans to Join in the Insurrection.

Kansas City, Aug. 22.—A local paper prints the following: Headquarters were opened in this city this afternoon looking towards the success of an expedition already partially organized, in behalf of the freedom of Cuba. The nucleus of the expedition consists of 100 picked men, who are ready to go at any time. The method of procedure is secret, but the leaders, all of whom are prominent, say there exists no doubt about the transfer of the men to the island.

Orville Shelby, son of "Fighting" Gen. Joe Shelby is said to be at the head of the movement. He and a few of his closest friends, it is learned, held a meeting last night, lasting until 1:30 this morning, at which plans for carrying out the expedition were earnestly discussed. The following named gentlemen are said to have been present and to have participated in the conference: Ex-Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mastin, B. G. Crosby of Butler, Mo., son of Rear Admiral Crosby of the United States navy; J. Russell Lincoln, distantly related to the late president; C. Breckinridge of Palmyra, Mo., related to the distinguished confederate general of that name, and others.

Every effort was made to throw the cloak of secrecy about the meeting. Just what transpired could not be fully ascertained, but it is shown the organization scheme was fully matured. Diagrams and maps of the island and telegrams and letters showing direct communication with Thomas Estrada Palma, who has Cuban headquarters for this country in New York city, were submitted. Mr. Orville Shelby, in a published interview, admits that the expedition is being organized, and says that the party will soon leave for the seat of war.