

Clinton urges economic rights for working

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ATLANTA -- As many as 28 million Americans have jobs but no bank accounts, leaving them prey to unscrupulous lenders, former President Bill Clinton says. "If Martin Luther King were here today, he'd say go get every American a bank account," Clinton said Monday in opening the new \$3.3 million headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta. Millions of people without bank accounts are vulnerable to lenders who offer them cash loans at very high interest, Clinton said, urging the SCLC to focus on the economic rights of the working poor, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Tuesday. "Poverty has gone up among working people," Clinton told several hundred people who waited four hours in 98-degree heat to see him. Clinton, noting the heat, kept his remarks short saying, "I've got sense enough not to make you mad. I hate to cost my wife any votes because I speak too long anywhere." A scheduling conflict in her presidential campaign kept Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., from appearing with her husband, the newspaper reported.

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