Texas farm workers, spurred by remarks by Cesar Chavez and other labor leaders, today began a 100-mile protest march against low wages.

Waving bright red union banners, about 150 workers and supporters rallied in front of the Federal courthouse in Brownsville to begin the six-day walk.

Mr. Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers, said that Rio Grande Valley citrus and vegetable growers were paying workers an average of $2.45 an hour, which is 90 cents below the Federal minimum wage.

"Ninety cents of each hour worked is being held back in the pockets of the bosses," Mr. Chavez said. The union leader predicted 5,000 demonstrators would join the march by the time it ends Sunday in San Juan, Tex.