

## **Delfim Moreira da Costa Ribeiro**



### **Biography**

He was a lawyer and graduated from the Law School of São Paulo (1890), he was born in the city of Cristina, Minas Gerais, on November

7, 1868. He was a judge in Santa Rita do Sapucaí, becoming an alderman and president of the City Council (1893). Nominated as secretary of Interior of Minas Gerais (1902-1906) and president of Minas Gerais (1914-1918), he was elected state senator (1907-1909) and to Congress (1909-1911), but he resigned to return as Secretary (1910-1914). He was elected vice-president in 1918, as running mate of Rodrigues Alves. With the illness and later death of the president-elect who was not sworn into office, Delfim Moreira temporarily assumed the presidency. He died in Santa Rita do Sapucaí, Minas Gerais, on July 1, 1920.

### **Presidential Period**

Delfim Moreira, vice-president of Rodrigues Alves, provisorily governed the country, since the Brazilian Constitution foresaw new elections in case of impediment of the president before completing two years in office. Rodrigues Alves wasn't even sworn into office, because he was already infected with the Spanish Flu, and died on January 16, 1919. Delfim Moreira himself did not have good health and his short term as president became known as the "republican regency", since there was emphasis on his Minister of Roads and Public Works, Afrânio de Melo Franco.

Three days after the new government took charge of the country, a general strike reached the capital and the city of Niterói. The President determined the closing of the Unions of Rio de Janeiro, on November 22.

On June 21, 1919; part of the anarchists founded the Communist Party of Brazil. Four months later, the government deported approximately one hundred of them, most of them foreigners, who acted in the labor movement in the cities of São Paulo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro and Niterói, due to the discovery of an alleged plan to overthrow the government.

Source: National Archive – Information Center of Presidential Collections

### **Summary**

Eighth Period of the Republican Government - 15.11.1918 to 15.11.1922

1st phase: 15.11.1918 to 28.07.1919

‡ Born: Cristina - MG, on 07.11.1868

‡ Death: Santa Rita do Sapucaí - MG, on 01.07.1920

‡ Profession: Lawyer

‡ In office: 15.11.1918 to 28.07.1919 (08m16d)

‡ Age when taking office: 50 years old

‡ Type of election: direct

‡ Inauguration: on 15.11.1918, during solemn session of Congress, presided by Senator Antônio Francisco de Azeredo

‡ Observation: As Vice-President, was President until 28.07.1919 when a new election was held.