Will you be in Atlanta, Georgia, with iaWCC/GDCI next Feb. 23-28?

If you’re part of the wall and ceiling industry, that’s where the industry will be — and the Momentum is gathering.

In what promises to be the most substantive series of convention educational programs in the association’s history, iaWCC/GDCI will be scheduling more than 15 individual seminars, sessions, and workshops.

“Certainly, Atlanta is one of the most exciting cities in the world,” promised iaWCC/GDCI Executive Vice President Joe M. Baker, Jr., “but given today’s construction industry problems and challenges, an interesting city simply isn’t enough.

“What our surveys and polls show is that contractors say ‘Sure, go to a nice city — but make certain that the program is what it should be for 1979, worthwhile.’ When you have that kind of attitude, the programming must be the strong point.”

As an example of the high-powered type of programming coming up, the convention keynoter for the 1979 event will be nationally famous Congressman George Hansen, of Idaho.

Hansen is the congressman who orchestrated the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Barlow case which required OSHA inspectors to conform to the Fourth Amendment, i.e., obtain warrants when inspecting private property if the owner insists.

The decision itself was somewhat controversial with OSHA claiming nothing was changed . . . and the business community claiming vindication for its long, expensive fight.

A recent court decision in Wisconsin, negating an inspection OSHA performed because its warrant did not show “probable cause”, was the kind of ruling that Congressman Hansen said would come out of the Supreme Court decision.

Hansen, who set up a national information clearinghouse in his congressional headquarters in Washington D.C. during the height of the legal challenge, is still advising businessmen on their basic constitutional rights.

His keynote address will be directed to the OSHA problem, of course, but will include the citizen’s need to hold onto his rights in the face of a mushrooming bureaucracy.

In addition to Congressman Hansen, the 62nd annual convention will also feature some of the top speakers in the country on such varied subjects as finance, management, job control, as well as many technical subjects.

Then, too, there is the exposition where iaWCC/GDCI will be featuring more than 97 exhibits — the largest number of supplier/manufacturer exhibitors in the history of the wall and ceiling industry.

All in all, it should be another step in record-breaking — a customary development in iaWCC/GDCI conventions these past few years.

And there is Atlanta also — the most exciting city in the South and perhaps in the country.