J. Cornette has proved that a locally connected Hausdorff continuum $X$ is the continuous image of an arc if and only if each of its cyclic elements is the continuous image of an arc. Cyclic elements form a closed null cover of such an $X$ by retracts of $X$. We generalize Cornette’s result to closed null covers of $X$ with a dendritic structure. (Received August 29, 2008)