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GEORGE MEDLOCK, sworn, testified:

EXAMINATION BY MR. DALY.

Q Where were you born?

A Austell, Georgia.

Q Where did you go to school?

A I went to school here in Atlanta and Roswell, Georgia.

Q What sort of work have you done in your life?

A Cotton mill, textile work.

Q Have you ever done any other work?

A No Sir.

Q What part of the mill did you work in?

A Spinning.

Q You are a spinner, are you?

A Yes Sir.

Q What mills have you worked in?

A Roswell, Elizabeth Mill, Exposition and Fulton.

Q Which is the best mill you ever worked in?

A Exposition.

Q You mean by that where the conditions are the best for the working people?

A Yes Sir.

Q Which mill did you like best?

A Roswell.

Q Who is at the head of that mill, do you know?

A I don't know who it is now.

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Q Who was it then?

A Mr. Motts.

Q What is the name of the mill?

A Just Roswell Mill.

Q Roswell, Georgia?

A Yes Sir.

Q How about the Exposition Mills?

A It was alright when I worked there for awhile.

They have changed men.

Q Did you stay there after the change?

A I stayed there awhile.

Q Weren't the conditions so good then?

A No Sir.

Q What was wrong about it?

A All I know was I just could not get along with them.

Q How long did you work in the Fulton Bag?

A The first time I worked there I reckon I worked a week, and I think it was the next Wednesday I got my finger hurt between the belt ends and the box; I ran my finger under the belt and tore my nail off. They took me down to the office and fixed my finger and I went back the next Monday morning and they said they could not work me after that. That they would forfeit my time.

Q Because you got hurt?

A As far as I can see.

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Q How much money was forfeited on you?

A I don't know, I was working by the piece.

Q How many days had you been working?

A A week.

Q How much did you get a week when you worked usually?

A The first week I worked I did not make a draw.

They held back the money on me.

Q How much the second week?

A I don't know. It was Wednesday before I made a draw and I got my ginger hart.

Q Did you work in the mill after that?

A No Sir, not that mill, I went in a new mill after that.

Q Did you forfeit all your time you had in there when you got hurt?

A The week, and up until Wednesday of the second week. Just until Wednesday about 9:00 o'clock.

Q You forfeited the whole thing?

A The whole business.

Q Did you ask for your money?

A Yes Sir.

Q Who did you ask?

A Mr. Florence.

Q The paymaster in the mill?

A Yes Sir.

Q What did he say to you?

A He asked, "Did you quit us?" I says, "No, Sir."

Q Is that all the time you had forfeited when you got your finger hurt, when you came out on the strike?

A Yes Sir.

Q You were out how long with your finger?

A I went back and went to work on Saturday. They send me out then on Saturday. It was just for a day. He said, "Come back Monday." I went back Monday and they did not give me my money on Saturday at all and did not say I was fired. I went back Monday to work and he told me, "You know the rules here." I says, "I did not quit." He says, "It is the same thing, you went out and did not report the next morning for duty, so I have just forfeited your time. If you want to go to work you can sign up again."

Q When you went out did they give you a pass?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you gat a pass?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you live in the mill village?

A No Sir, I was staying at home at the Exposition Mill.

Q Do you know Mr. Johnson at the Exposition Mill?

A Yes Sir.

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Q Do you know Mr. Elsas of the Fulton Mills?

A When I see him.

Q Does he ever go around in the rooms himself,  
Mr. Oscar Elsas?

A I have seen him several times.

Q Does he talk to his workmen?

A No Sir.

Q How long did you work there after you had your  
finger hurt?

A Pretty nearly six months.

Q Did you go out on strike on the 20th day of May  
with the rest?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you forfeit any time then?

A All the time.

Q How much then?

A I don't know, I was making about \$9.00 a week  
and I forfeited all the time.

Q What became of you after that, George? Where did  
you go?

A I stayed at the Fulton Mills awhile and then  
went to the camps. When they moved the camps I stayed  
until not long ago and went down to Manchester and went  
to work.

Q What were you doing at Manchester?

A Working in the spinning room.

Q What mill?

A There ain't but one.

Q A big mill?

A No Sir, a small mill.

Q How much money did you make there?

A About \$10.00 a week.

Q More money than you made at the Fulton Bag?

A Yes Sir.

Q How are the conditions there?

A Good.

Q Did you work in any other mills?

A Yes Sir, Roswell Mill and the Exposition Mills.

Q You had no fault to find with the other mills particularly, did you?

A No Sir.

Q The only fault you had to find was with these Fulton Bag Mills?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you ever have any time held up at the Fulton Mills when you had not worked a full week? Had not worked but five days and had your time held up until the next week?

A No Sir, I did not, I worked regularly.

Q At the other mills they never did hold you up?

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A They did not have to work a full week. If you got in full time at the Fulton Mills you got it when it come due.

Q How often did they pay you at the other mills?  
Regularly?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you sign a contract at the Fulton Bag Mills?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did they have contracts at the other mills?

A No Sir.

Q You never had signed a contract there?

A No Sir.

Q This was the only mill where they undertook this written contract?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you know of other people and of their time being forfeited down here? I don't mean those that came out on the strike, but previous to the strike. Did you ever hear it talked around of the people having forfeitures?

A Yes Sir, I have heard of lots of them being docked.

Q Did your whole room go out on strike?

A No Sir.

Q How many went out of that room that day?

A I don't know.

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Q Did you make a big noise when you went out that day?

A No Sir.

Q How did the folks go out of the mill that day?

Quietly or not?

A Yes Sir, they tried to hold the doors on us in the spinning room upstairs. They come down at last.

Q Who tried?

A Cunningham and Mathews and some fellow that come to the camps and stayed with us.

Q That was thē overseer?

A Yes Sir, the overseer.

Q Did you break the door down?

A No Sir.

Q They were afterwards opened?

A Yes Sir.

Q You went on down and out to the street?

A Yes Sir.

Q There was no other disorder there?

A No Sir.

Q There were no arrests made that day that you saw?

A No Sir, I did not see any.

Q The property was not hurt in any way or destroyed?

A No Sir.

Q The strikers did not do any harm did they?

A No Sir.

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Q Living at camp, how is the fare over there?

A As good as when you are at work, better.

Q They take good care of you at the camp, do they?

A Yes Sir.

Q Feed you well?

A Yes Sir.

Q Who managed the camp when you were first there?

A Mr. Mullinax and Mr. Miles I think it was.

Q Was Mrs. Smith there?

A She was over there sometimes. She did not stay there, just come over.

Q How many people did you think were around there when you first went to the camp?

A I could not say; I don't know.

Q Do you eat altogether?

A Yes Sir, they eat altogether but they have to set two or three tables.

Q Do you think there are 100 people there?

A I think there is more than that.

Q How many when you left? Were there many when you left?

A I left about a month ago. I don't know how many there was.

Q Do you think as many as 150?

A Yes Sir, more than that.

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