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LINA McFARLAND, sworn, testified:

EXAMINATION BY MR. DALY.

Q Are you single or married?

A Yes Sir.

Q Daughter of Mrs. Nation?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long have you worked in the Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills?

A I have worked in the mills I reckon a little over six years.

Q How old were you when you began to work, do you know?

A Something over eleven years old when I went in.

Q Have you worked almost ever since up to the time of the strike?

A Yes Sir, up to the time of the strike.

Q Were you one of the strikers?

A Yes Sir.

Q What did you do when you worked in the mill first?

A I was a spinner.

Q A spinner at eleven years old?

A Yes Sir.

Q How much money did you make per week when you first went into the mill?

A When I first went in and commenced working I did not make but about \$3.00 or \$4.00 a week, something

like that.

Q How long was it before you made more money than that?

A Something like I reckon about a year before I made anything to amount to anything. I next made about \$5.00 or \$6.00 or \$7.00.

Q How much were you making when you quit?

A About four weeks, I reckon, about three weeks before the strike I made about \$3.50, or \$4.00.

Q How much were you making before the strike?

A About \$6.00 or \$7.00 to \$7.50 something like that.

Q You did not go out with the strikers at first, did you?

A No Sir, did not go out with them at first.

Q After the strike you made less money?

A Yes Sir.

Q Why was that?

A I don't know, They doubled the work and gave you more work to do and you did not make as much.

Q Did you ask why?

A I asked why and taken my tickets to the office to see what was the matter, and I never heard any more about it.

Q You did not seem to make more than half the money?

A I did not make more than half the money and done about twice the work.

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Q Why did you keep on working?

A I did not think I could work for that little wages; did not think they were doing me right.

Q Then you went over with the strikers?

A Yes Sir.

Q Do you live in the camp now?

A Yes Sir.

Q Have you lived there ever since it was established?

A Yes Sir.

Q Last September?

A Yes Sir.

Q You live with your mother at this time do you?

A Yes Sir.

Q From the time she was moved out of the house?

A Yes Sir.

Q Do you remember about her being put out?

A Yes Sir.

Q Who put her out? Were you there that day?

A Yes Sir, I was there, but I don't know the man's name. He was an officer or sheriff or something another and come down there, him and two negro men.

Q They put your mother's goods out on the street?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did anybody move in the house right away?

A Yes Sir, a party moved in the next day after they

put us out.

Q Did she get work in the mill; do you know?

A No Sir, she did not get work in the mill.

Q Have you been in good health since you went to the camp?

A Yes Sir.

Q Do they feed pretty well out there?

A Yes Sir, they give us plenty to eat, we have more now than when we were at work.

Q Can you read and write?

A No Sir, I can't read and write.

Q Did you ever go to school?

A No Sir, never have had any chance to go to school.

Q Never went any time during your life, never went a day?

A No Sir.

Q Were you ever sick in the mill?

A Yes Sir.

Q What happened to you when you took sick?

A Several times I was taken sick and they would not let me off at all; and I reckon about four months, or something like that, before the strike, I was sick and I went and asked off and they would not let me off and I fainted and some girls got up to the water tank with me and bathed my face and I come to all right.

I still asked off again and did not feel like working and they still would not let me off.

Q How many people do you think are in the camp now? You never counted them, did you?

A No Sir.

Q Do you think there are 150 men, women and children?

A Yes Sir.

Q When you sit down to the table do you all sit down at one time? Do you all eat at one time?

A No Sir, we cannot eat at one time. We have about two or three tables sometimes.

Q You are supported out there free by the Union, are you?

A Yes Sir.

Q Tell about the time they held \$4.00 of your money on account of a window light being broke out.

A That was something about six years ago as well as I remember. My step-father he broke out a window light out of the house and they come up, there and was mad at him after he said he would not get out of the house. My mother she went ahead and moved, went out of the house in another one, and after we moved I went down to draw my time and he said he held my time back to pay for the window light. It was my step-father you know, and I didn't thing they would have any right to ho

hold my time back for the window light.

Q Did they do it?

A Yes Sir, they did.

Q Did they hold \$4.50 of it?

A I don't know exactly how much it was, it was between \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Q You never got any?

A No Sir.

Q A window light don't cost that much, does it?

A It don't look like it would.

Q Can you see out of the windows when you are working?

A No Sir.

Q Why?

A They was way up high. You could not see much, I can't, when you are working.

Q What were you doing in the mill?

A Spinner.

Q When you were spinning could you see out from the mill?

A No Sir.

Q Why?

A They have got glasses and you cannot see through them.

Q Painted with something?

A Yes Sir.

Q Do you know why they have the windows so you cannot see out of them?

A To keep you from standing at the window and looking out. I found about one or two glass you could see through, where someone broke them out, I guess, and they put in other glasses.

Q Are there many small children working in the mill?

A A good many.

Q When you went in there to work at eleven years of age were there other children of that age?

A Yes Sir.

Q Many?

A A pretty good many I think. I did not ask them how old they were but I would say, going by the size, didn't look to be any over ten or eleven years.

Q At the time you went there do you think you were harmed by working in the mill at your age, your health affected in any way?

A I think I was too young to go in there.

Q Did you get very tired?

A Yes Sir. I did.

Q You worked year after year?

A Yes Sir.

Q And you worked clear up to the time of the strike?

A Yes Sir.

Q And a short time afterwards?

A Yes Sir.

Q You quit because they were not paying you enough money?

A Yes Sir.

Q After the strike your wages seemed to get less all the time?

A Yes Sir, they seemed to get less all the time after the strike; I could not make anything at all.

Q Did you ever work in any other mill?

A Yes Sir, I worked in the Exposition Mill and awhile down here at the Whittier Mill.

Q How are the conditions in the Exposition Mill?

A I liked it out there all right.

Q Was it better than the Fulton Bag?

A Yes Sir.

Q They treated you better?

A Yes Sir.

Q You got better wages?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you ever have your time held up when you would be out as much as two days?

A Yes Sir, certainly have.

Q Did you ever stay out two days and they held

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up your time until Monday?

A I know that some times they would make you wait until Tuesday.

Q During the time they had the sixty-hour law, when you had to have in full sixty hours before you could get your money out and just had one hour out did you ever have any difficulty then?

A Yes sir, just one time.
