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FRANCIS JOHNSON, sworn, testified:

EXAMINATION BY MR. DALY.

Q Where do you live?

A Textile camps.

Q How long have you lived there?

A I went there the 2d day in February.

Q How old are you?

A Twenty-two years old.

Q Where did you go to school?

A I went to school in Arkansas, Alabama and the
Indian Territory.

Q How long did you live in Arkansas?

A Two years.

Q How long in Alabama?

A Altogether about fifteen or sixteen years.

Q How long in the Indian Territory?

A Altogether a little over two years.

Q How long have you been in Georgia?

A I have been in Georgia about sixteen months.

Q What is your occupation?

A When I am in Georgia it is cotton mills, and
when I am in Alabama it is coal mining.

Q Where did you learn the textile business?

A In Georgia.

Q What particular work did you do in the mills?

A I work in the carding and spinning room.

Q What mills were you in in Georgia?

A Douglasville, Whittier Mills at Chatahoochee,
the Aragon Mills, the Exposition Mills and the Fulton Bag Mills.

Q How many is that? Five?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long did you work in the Chatthoochee Mills?

A I worked there about four months.

Q How long in the Exposition Mills?

A About two months.

Q How long were you in the other mills?

A I was in the Douglasville mill about three
months, the Aragon about six months or something like
that.

Q How did you like these mills?

A I liked them.

Q Which is the best mill in that lot?

A I think the Whittier Mill is the best.

Q Do they treat their help well in all these
mills or not?

A Some of them they did not. Treated them pretty
rough at some places.

Q How about the Fulton Mills? Did they treat them
better in the other mills than the Fulton Bag Mills did?

A I really do think so.

Q The Fulton Mill is the worst one?

A Yes Sir.

Q In what way?

A The paying and the rules of the work.

Q Did you sign a contract when you went to the
Fulton Bag Mills?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you sign a contract when you went in any
of these other mills?

A No Sir.

Q Did you ever hear of a man that had a contract
in writing except at the Fulton Bag?

A No Sir.

Q When did you go to work at the Fulton Bag?

A In January.

Q 1914 or 1915?

A 1915.

Q This last January?

A Yes Sir.

Q You have been working there since the strike?

A Yes Sir, four weeks since the strike.

Q What are you doing now?

A Not doing anything.

Q Are you at the camp?

A Yes Sir.

Q Why did you quit?

A I was overhauling some spinning frames and we got through and the overseer told them to give me a pass to that part of the mill if I wanted it. I went to look around and could not find any job anywhere else in the mill.

Q You had a very good job, did you?

A Yes Sir.

Q Were you a member of the Union?

A Not then. He came back and told me I could not get any job and he made out an order for my time.

Q Where did you come from over here to the Fulton-Bag Mills?

A I came here from the Exposition. I went back --

Q Did the Fulton Bag ask the Exposition Mills for men?

A I could not say whether they did or not. Anyway there was a lot of men went from the Exposition to the Fulton.

Q How do you know that?

A I heard the overseer and second hand talking and say that they would see them.

Q Said they would send them there?

A Yes Sir.

Q But did not send you there?

A No Sir.

Q How about your time when you quit? Was it forfeited?

A I had an order for it and went down there and had in a week's time besides that week when I got there on Thursday morning.

Q Have you a family?

A Yes Sir.

Q You are married?

A Yes Sir.

Q How many children have you?

A One.

Q How much did you make at the Fulton pag a day?

A \$1.20.

Q \$7.20 a week?

A Yes Sir.

Q Could you live on that?

A Not hardly.

Q Did you live in one of the companyhouses?

A Yes Sir.

Q How much rent did you pay?

A \$1.55 a week.

Q How many rooms did you have?

A Four rooms, and my mother was with me then.

Q Were you supporting your mother, or was she working?

A No Sir, my little brother was working.

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Q Does he live with you?

A No Sir, not now, he is at Whittier.

Q Both out there?

A Yes Sir.

Q At that time he was working in the Fulton Bag?

A Yes Sir.

Q How much did he get?

A I don't hardly know.

Q Did he divide up his money with you? and help keep the house?

A Yes Sir, he contributed about \$3.00 or \$4.00 a week.

Q I suppose you had nice things to eat all the time?

A No Sir.

Q What kind of diet did you have on those wages?
Ham and eggs?

A No Sir. Just meat and bread.

Q Molasses?

A No Sir, don't eat them.

Q Meat and white bread? What kind of meat? Pork?

A No Sir, salt meat.

Q Didn't you have pork?

A No Sir.

Q Did you have vegetables?

A A few vegetables once or twice a day.

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Q Potatoes and cabbage?

A No cabbage, we had beans.

Q Vegetables are cheap down here, aren't they?

A They wasn't then.

Q You are living at the camp, are you?

A Yes Sir.

Q You get a pretty good diet there, don't you?

A Yes Sir.

Q Get plenty to eat?

A Yes Sir.

Q Plenty of vegetables?

A Yes Sir.

Q Live well do you?

A Yes Sir.

Q Have you had good health?

A Yes Sir.

Q Has your family had good health since you have
been at the camp?

A All but the baby, he had a little spell of cold.

Q Have you suffered out there with cold?

A No Sir.

Q How do you keep warm?

A With oil heaters.

Q You have been comfortable all the time?

A Yes Sir, since I have been there.

Q Does the water go through your tents?

A Don't go through mine, I have got it ditched around good.

Q Would a heavy rain beat through it?

A It never has beat through mine since I have been there.

Q Has it beaten through any other tents that you know of?

A It might beat through some of them where they are kind of bad.

Q Who has charge of the camp?

A Mr. Mullinax.

Q Who is the police officer?

A Mr. Odell.

Q Did the overseer ever give you an order for your money and did you ever collect it?

A No Sir, he told me I owed them \$2.75 for drayage for moving me there. I had in a week. That \$2.75 was to come out. I got my order for it and Florence told me to come back at 12:00. That was about 8:00. I gave my order to him and he said he could not pay me I owed a balance on the dray deal and for me to come back the next morning, Friday morning; I went back and they told me they could not pay me; they did not find my job. They was looking for me a job.

Q Had you joined the Union in the meantime?

A No Sir.

Q You were not a member of the Union then?

A No Sir. And when I went back he told me to come back at noon, and I went back and asked for my money and he said he could not give it to me. Saturday I went back to get that back week due on Saturday that the money for the dray come out of and I asked him for my money and he said he could not give it to me, to come back on Monday morning. On Sunday morning Mr. Tom Ellis come to my house and got me to join the Union and I did not go back. I did not feel like working Monday and I did not go back to get my time and I moved to the camps on Tuesday.

Q They never did finish paying you?

A No Sir.

Q You never got your pay?

A No Sir.

Q How much have they paid you?

A \$2.60.

Q \$2.60 after this drayage was paid?

A Yes Sir.

Q They moved you from the Exposition Mills over there?

A Yes Sir.

Q That is what the drayage is for?

A Yes Sir, I got receipts for that, saved it in my

wife's trunk.

Q Could you make as much money at the Exposition as at the Fulton Bag?

A Yes Sir.

Q Or more?

A I made about 30¢ a week more.

Q Did you make more money in the Chattahoochee Mills than in the Fulton Bag?

A No Sir, I did not make any more but I did not have as much work to do.

Q Did you have plenty of work to do down here?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you work by the piece?

A No Sir.

Q By the hour?

A By the hour.

Q How much did they pay you per hour?

A The way they got it figured I don't know how much they did pay.

Q What are they supposed to pay?

A Supposed to pay \$1.20.

Q For ten hours?

A Yes Sir, for ten hours.

Q Is that the only time you ever worked down there?

A Yes Sir, that is the only time.

Q While you were working there did you see any of the ladies that fainted and had to be taken out of the mill, or that got sick and had to be taken out?

A No Sir, not that I know of.

Q Were there any women in your room?

A Yes Sir.

Q How were they treated?

A Some pretty rough.

Q In what way?

A The foreman would tell them to do anything and they would be a little bit slow at the time he wanted it done and he would cuss them and tell them if they didn't go he would give them their time.

Q Was there much of that going on?

A Yes Sir, right smart of it.

Q Pretty rough place was it?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did the foreman ever curse you?

A No Sir, he never cussed me.

Q Suppose he had cursed you?

A I might have hit him with a wrench.

Q Were there a good many people working in there where you were?

A Yes Sir, there was a good many in the spinning room.

Q How old were they? What kind of children did you

see there?

A All sizes. Looked like from eleven years on up.

Q How did they look? Were they pretty healthy looking?

A No Sir, none of them were healthy.

Q Did they look pale?

A Yes Sir, pale.

Q Did they work the whole day like men and women?

A Yes Sir.

Q What did the women who worked there do with their babies?

A Carried them to the Wesley House.

Q Were you ever in Wesley House?

A No Sir.

Q There is somebody there to take care of them, is there?

A I suppose so, I never was in there.

Q After you struck down there would they let you out without a pass, or would you have to have a pass to get out?

A Had to have a pass to get out.

Q If you did not have one they would not let you out?

A No Sir. I had an order for my time and then had to get a pass.

Q Had to get a pass, after you had an order for your time, for the gate keeper to turn you out?

A Yes Sir.