

MRS. LUCRETIA BRILEY, sworn, testified:

EXAMINATION BY MR. DALY.

Q Where do you live?

A 136 Powell Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Q How long have you lived there?

A I think it was last July we moved there.

Q Where did you reside prior to that time?

A 670 East Fair Street.

Q How long did you live there?

A Just about four years.

Q Is that on the property of the Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill?

A It is. For the last few months. I think they took it in January or February just before we moved, it did not belong to them until just a few months before we moved.

Q Do you work in the mills?

A I worked there just a few weeks. My children work there.

Q When was it you worked there?

A I think it was about five weeks something like two or three years ago, and last spring was a year ago sometime I worked I think three weeks. I think it was about three weeks.

Q In what department?

A In the bag mill. That is the only time I ever worked there.

Q What did you do there?

A I clipped, inspected and clipped.

Q How much money did you draw a week?

A I think it was \$4.10 a week. That is why I did not work anymore.

Q How many children have you?

A I have eight living.

Q How many of them worked in the mill?

A I had three of them working in the mill. I had four that worked a little while each year.

Q How old were those that worked in the mill?

A One of them was about 21 I think. One child quit working. She married. Another one worked in there for three or four years. She was there from 17 on up to 20 but then she commenced working in there I reckon when she was 12, about the time she was 12. She worked there then about three or four years.

Q In October, 1913, at the time of the strike did you have any children working in the mill?

A I quit last October. I don't think there was any of them in the mill at that time, because the girls

are both married and the boy has not been at home much in the last two years, only a few weeks now and then.

Q In May of last year did you have any children working in the Mill?

A No Sir.

Q Do you live on the mill property?

A Yes Sir, I was living on the mill property.

Q Was your rent paid?

A Yes sir, we paid a month. It was about the middle of the month and they brought back about \$3.60 or \$3.65, something like that, and gave it to me.

Q Were you put out of the house?

A No Sir, they did not put us out.

Q Tell the circumstances surrounding your moving from that house.

Q They had been over and told me not to let any of the Union people come on the yard or around me. I noticed at the time they had got the new hands in there and was living on the other side of the street. A good many of them were Union people that were my old neighbors and were in sympathy with the Union people, the strikers, and of course we did not have any in the mill and they did not go out with the strikers and we were on their side.

Q What was it Hawkins said to you?

A Hawkins said not to let any of the Union people come on the porch nor around me.

Q Did you obey those instructions?

A No Sir, I did not. My baby was very sick. Of course I would not anyway, for if my neighbors had come to me here they would have been welcome just the same; but my baby was very sick and they would come at night and sit up a day or two before it died. That was on Friday before it died. It died, I think, I don't remember now the day it was but anyway it was on Saturday and we buried it on Tuesday.

Q What happened if anything while your child was lying there a corpse?

A They came and brought the papers and the money back.

Q Who came?

A The people from the mill, some of them. I think it was Dr. Hawkins came and brought me a notice to vacate the house in three days. I forget whether it was Friday or Saturday.

Q Would that have been necessary when your child was lying dead?

A It don't look like it was. It was on Friday or

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Saturday he brought the paper a bailiff or something of the kind came and handed me a sealed package. It had the money we had paid for the rent and a notice to get out in three days. The third day, the day we would have to get out, was the day we buried the baby. We didn't get out that day, but they did not put us out. They had gone to the officer and threatened to put us out but they did not.

Q Did you go into it any further?

A I went the next morning and found it had been skipped ten days. They gave us notice we could not live in the house. We did not know of any house we could get. We were not able to pay much rent. I went there and asked Mr. Elsas would he give us time to hunt a house and he said, no, the time was up. He asked me a few questions and I told him my baby had been right sick and had died and we had buried him and we had not had a chance to hunt a house and it was the day before that for them to put us out. He said no, the time was up and we had to get out, and he told the men to put us out that morning after the baby was dead and we had to take what was left and we had to get many things that was not worth putting out on the street and we got out and I said, "It looks like

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you might give us one day. We did not ever give you any cause to treat us this way, just because the neighbors come to see my baby when he was sick it don't look like you would go there and put us out. You ought to give us one day's grace\*.

Q Did he know these people were Union people?

A He knew that. I think they had put a telephone in the other side of the house we lived in.

Q What did Mr. Elsas say about Union people?

A I says, "This is not cause not to give us one day's grace". Mr. Johnstone, I believe it was, there was three men standing right at his back, anyway the either one of them said to me -- there is one certain lady on the street I was not acquainted with -- he says, "You didn't have no one else to choose your friend, you make friends with her, she is all right."

Q Did Mr. Elsas know that the Union people were visiting you?

A Yes Sir, he knew it.

Q Did he say he was putting you out because of that?

A He hurt my feelings much worse than if he had put us out on the street. That would not have hurt me like it did when he said I had evesdropped over the telephone and notified the Union people of the proceedings

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around there. I never evesdropped in my life. I always tried to do as near right as I could all my life.

Q. Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Elsas were there?

A. Yes Sir, and another gentleman, I did not know who.

Q. They gave you to understand they were putting you out of the house because you had allowed the Union people to come there?

A. Yes Sir, and he said I evesdropped the telephone.

Q. You had let the Union people come there and you had evesdropped for the Union people?

A. Yes Sir, and had called up and notified the Union people of their proceedings.

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