

ANDREW JACKSON CLARK, sworn, testified:

EXAMINATION BY MR. DALY.

Q What is your business?

A I am a carpenter. Of course I run a boarding house and have been out here for nine years.

Q Did you ever work in this mill?

A Yes Sir, I worked for about three years in this mill.

Q What do you do now?

A I have got me a house. I am building now and running a boarding house together.

Q What were you doing in October, 1917?

A I was keeping boarders.

Q Have you kept boarders from that time until now?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you keep boarders during the period of the strike?

A Yes Sir, I had a good big crowd when the strike came along. Mrs. Smith, Mr. Miles, Mr. Mullinax and Mr. Flemings come to me and asked me to keep the Union boarders for them and I made an agreement with them to keep them. They were to give me \$5.00 a piece, \$1.50 for each ticket, two tickets. That is the agreement I made with them.

Q What do you mean by tickets?

A Orders on the commissary.

Q Did they ever pay you the rest of the money?

A No Sir, they did not pay all they owed. They said that was all they could pay for it then. They were to furnish \$5.00 a week in rations and that was the agreement. I got \$3.00 a week in money. I taken 59 of them and kept them for something over two months. Finally they busted up the commissary. I did not know anything about the tickets. Of course I had more tickets than they could take up in the commissary. They would send them up to my house and I would keep them and take care of them and the first time they turned down anything on me they turned down about \$136 on my total of tickets. Again after that they turned down \$60.00 and some odd dollars, and then again something like \$70.00. In the windup the tickets were turned down on me. I have kept them and they amount to \$368. That is what the Union turned down on me. Of course I am a Union man myself. I belong to the Mechanics' Union.

Q You belonged to Local No. 836?

A Yes Sir, they busted when they got themselves between Mr. Miles and Mrs. Smith; they said they would put me out of business because I tried to collect my money. They did some very nearputting me out of business. They come pretty near ruining me; that is what they done. They

liked to have broke me up.

Q Have you still got the tickets?

A No Sir, I turned over the tickets. Mr. Miles said they weren't no good and turned them down in the commissary and I left them there.

Q They owe you \$360?

A They owe me \$366 and some cents. That is what they owed me in dollase and cents.

Q While you were keeping these boarders for Mr. Miles and Mrs. Smith what did you hear as to threats against Mr. Elsas, if any?

A All I heard about it at all, Mr. Miles and Mrs. Smith come and asked me where they could get some dynamite. I told them I could not tell them unless they could buy it in the hardware store. I thought they could buy it in the hardware store. They said if they could get dynamite they would blow up the boarding house Mr. Elsas put up on East Fair Street or they would blow some one or the other. That is all I heard Miles or Mrs. Smith say.

Q When was that?

A That was the 11th of June, I believe.

Q Who was present besides you three?

A No one but me and them two. They taken me out in the front yard and told me about it.

Q Why did they call on you? Was that the only time they applied to you about it?

A They used to talk to me the whole time; that is the only time they come to me with it. They wanted somebody to knock this gentleman in the head and said if they could get some dynamite they would do something. Mrs. Smith said that was the way they done up North, and Miles both. They said if they were up North them Polacks would not care anymore about killing somebody than taking a drink of water. They also said Governor Slaton would turn them loose to do whatever they pleased to do.

Q You were in the hall?

A Yes Sir, I was in the hall.

Q Was there anything blown up with dynamite?

A No Sir.

Q Was anybody killed?

A No Sir; several were knocked on the head but nobody was killed. I don't think there was anyone killed.

Q How did the Union people behave themselves around that Opera House?

A They didn't behave themselves around the Opera House.

Q You had alot of them there, did they do anything out of the ordinary except talk?

A I got in a lot of what I call dissipated people. When I began to run them off Mrs. Smith and Mr. Miles here put up what they called "Textile Boarding House". They got a lot of women in there I didn't admire in my house, and they had taken up here a part of what we called a disreputable boarding house. Of course I could not keep them in my business.

Note: Mr. Clark was summoned and testified at the request of Mr. Elias.
