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HARRIS GOBER, sworn, testified:

EXAMINATION BY MR. DAILY.

Q What is your business?

A I am a furniture collector now but I was in the grocery business at the time of the strike.

Q Do you know Mr. Miles?

A Yes Sir.

Q Mrs. Smith?

A Yes Sir.

Q Mr. Field?

A Yes Sir.

Q Mr. Wright? Bob Wright?

A Yes Sir. there are three or four Wrights.

Q Did you know Mrs. Convoy and Mrs. Keller?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did they buy from that place?

A Yes Sir.

Q Had you, on any occasion, heard any of these persons -- and if so who were they -- make any threat as to the destruction of the Elsas mill property, or urge the destruction of it?

A I heard Miles tell the boys to go ahead and get them out, to take them out with clubs, to knock the windows out and take them out. That was on the day of the strike,

Miles was here. He says, "Cut the belts, tear it up and get them out of there." And then I heard him tell them if they could not get them out one way they would take clubs and beat them out like they did the Polacks and the Hungarians in the North.

Q Did they make any threats toward Mr. Elsas?

A No Sir, not to me personally.

Q That was the way to get them out that he was talking about?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did Mrs. Smith say anything?

A She did not have much to say about it, she was all excited. She was kind of against the Union and then she was for the company and everybody.

Q Mrs. Convey did not make any statements?

A She said, "Get them out. We ought to get them out with clubs and sticks like they do in the North."

Q How about Mrs. Keller?

A She did not say much. She was the nicest one in the whole bunch. She seemed to be perfectly alright.

Q What about Bob Wright?

A Oh, my God! Bob Wright was the ringleader.

Q Was he for burning Elsas' property and everything else?

A I could not say, he said so everlasting much,

I could not say.

Q How long were you associated with these people?

A From last November was a year ago, November 15th, to the present time. I was with them all the time.

I was with Miles the first time he was ever here, Then I went away and was gone awhile and came back. I was with him that night at the hall.

Q Your associations with Miles were very close?

A Yes Sir.

Q Intimate?

A Yes Sir.

Q You saw these strikes didn't you?

A Yes Sir.

Q Men, women and children?

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Q What was their physical appearance when they came out on this strike?

A They seemed to be somewhat excited.

Q I know, but from a health standpoint?

A I could not say about that. Looked about like all cotton factory people, in a mill or any place. They looked better than they do now, the bunch that is out.

Q Did you hear many complaints about the mill village amongst the strikers?

A Never heard nothing at all until after the strike

then it come up.

Q What about the wages?

A Wages were up after the strike.

Q Everything was up after the strike?

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Q Did you hear any complaints before the strike?

A No Sir.

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A Just heard the heat in the mill was the biggest complaint.

Q Were there any complaints about firing people that belonged to the Union?

A Yes Sir, they talked about that.

Q Where is your business?

A Just across the street from the mill on the back side.

Q Are you doing a good business?

A About \$550 a week.

Q All with the mill employees?

A Yes Sir, all with the mill employees.

Q What do you think the cause of this strike was?

A A little want of sense.

Q Was there an effort to organize the mill?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you join the Union?

A Yes Sir, but I quit.

Q Were you a textile worker?

A I never did anything else until I got in the grocery business.

Q You did work in these mills?

A Yes Sir.

Q What did you do?

A Ran the smash and wove?

Q What sort of treatment did you get?

A Like the others.

Q Did you ever have any money forfeited for not working out a notice?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you sign a contract?

A Yes Sir.

Q What do you think of that contract?

A I don't know.

Q Speak right out.

A I will tell you I don't think much of that contract. I don't believe it ought to be used. There are so many persons come here and gets discharged. That is, if you work here in the mills and you get a letter from your people that one of them is dead you have to borrow the money somewhere else, or quit and forfeit your time.

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if you can't get away, and leave the week's work in the mill. You can go home and stay three or four weeks and if they see fit they forfeit your time. Or you can go out on Saturday evening, get drunk, draw a full week's pay and get drunk, get locked up Monday, sent to the stockade and work thirty days and come back and they forfeit your time if you go to the stockade. Hell, you couldn't help it.

Q So you don't approve of that contract?

A No Sir, I don't approve of the contract.

Q You think that contract is the source of a lot of complaints made here?

A Yes Sir.

Q You have heard complaints made about the contract?

A Yes Sir, ever since I have been here.

Q When you worked in the mill?

A Yes Sir.

Q What was the objectional part in connection with that contract and the treatment of the employees?

A They treated them alright only they would not pay them if they quit without working the notice. If you work a notice they will pay you every penny they owe you, but you have got to work them a notice.

Q How about fines and deductions?

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A They never did fine me.

Q Did you hear much complaint about fines and deductions?

A No Sir, not much. In all weave shops they have the rule of docking the weavers. That is in the South. I can't say about the Northern cities for I never was up in there.

Q Did you work anywhere else in the South?

A Yes Sir.

Q How did the business compare in other mills with this mill?

A About the same.

Q Did you sign a contract in any other mill?

A No Sir.

Q Did you ever work where they would hold your wages after you gave notice of quitting?

A No Sir, only they would hold it until pay day, the week following you know.

Q What was the general conduct of the officers of the Union, or the strikers down around that place during the period of the strike trouble? Was there much drinking?

A They never did drink much around my place, but they give it hell in the German Cafe.

Q Was the German Cafe headquarters for them?

A In the contracting part.

Q Was that conduct generally that you saw around that place good or bad?

A It was pretty good, just talking and laughing and cutting up you know, like people will do.

Q Who patronized the German Cafe?

A Mrs. Smith, Miles, Mrs. Convooy and Mrs. Keller.

Q Do you say of your own knowledge and know that Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Convooy went there?

A Oh God! I have been there and set down and drank with them. I know they were there.

Q Did you ever take them over in the automobile?

A Yes, we would usually have them in the automobile and drive them over there.

Q What time, at night?

A I never did drive it much at night. My brother-in-law always drove it at night. I always stayed around home fearing some trouble might arise at night. He would go to the German Cafe and get them and carry them around. During daytime I would always take it.

Q Did you ever see them drunk?

A I never saw them drunk. I have saw them pretty full. What I call a drunk man is a man that gets down



and can't get about.

Q You don't mean to say you saw Mrs. Conroy and Mrs. Keller drunk?

A No Sir, not to say drunk, but you can say boozing.

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