

NAMES OF WITNESSES

Miss Emma Burton,
C/o Wesley House

Mr. G. A. Johnstone,
C/o Office

Mr. T. S. Florence,
C/o Office

Mr. E. H. Rogers,
C/o Office

Dr. E. W. Hawkins,
C/o Office

Miss Mabel Wheeler,
C/o Wesley House

Dr. C. A. Rhodes,
Atlanta Natl. Bank Bldg.

Mr. Robert Wright,
C/o Office

Mrs. Jennie Clinton,
C/o Office

Miss Fannie Carter,
C/o Office

Mrs. Sallie Wright,
C/o Office

Mr. A. S. Guffin,
C/o Office

Mr. J. R. James,
C/o Office

Mr. Virgin McSwain,
C/o Office

Mr. W. A. Swett, — 4 1/2 yrs —
C/o 699 Woodward Ave

Mr. Oscar Elsas,
C/o Office

Dr. Stone

W. A. Swett

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699 Woodward Ave*

1. Mr. T. S. Florence will testify to the method of employing help, explain as to how the contract is handled, methods of payment, handling of complaints, - his own conclusions as to the general character of the help, and also explain, if possible, the cause of their roving disposition.
2. Miss Emma Burton will testify to the general welfare of the Company in the work people as well as their families, - interest in the cleanliness of the village, their health and moral condition. Will also testify to the willingness on the part of the Company to give anything asked for to make this work a success.
3. Mr. E. H. Rogers, Superintendent, will indicate that he has had some six years experience in the mills, - that he is a technological graduate from the Georgia School of Technology and the Textile School, + that he has worked in other mills during the Summer months, which was the vacation period while attending the textile school, - has worked in other mills since then, but for most of his time has been with us, first in a clerical position, later in the cost accounting department, then promoted to assistant superintendent, finally promoted to superintendent. Can explain his conclusions as to the moral and physical condition of the help as well as their comparative earning capacities.
4. Miss Mabel Wheeler. She has been nurse at the Wesley House for about two months, succeeding Miss Cloud who left on account of a break down. Miss Wheeler can explain her conclusions as to the general health of the people with whom she has come in contact and her ideas as to how they compare with others for whom she has worked. She can also speak of inherited diseases and of other features that her work will naturally qualify her for.

5. Mr. Robt. Wright has worked for us off and on for about ten years. Did not leave us at the time of the October labor disturbances although his wife did. He was finally prevailed upon, about a month after the May disturbance, to join the ranks on the outside and was made President of the Union. He was promised \$3. a week for each himself and wife, also house rent. He can prove that after he discovered the character and methods of the controlling influences in the Union that he wanted to make a full and frank expression in the presence of President Golden, and on making such an effort was stopped and finally reduced in ranks. In other words was dethroned from the presidency and put in the ranks and finally expelled on trumped up charges. He is willing to speak freely and openly with reference to his experiences in the Union, - also as to how the Company has treated him in the many years of employment, - also as to the general character of the help with whom he has been associated, also as to the sanitary conditions and health of his co-workers.

6. Miss Fannie Carter went out with the original 76. She soon discovered that she had been mis-lead, in fact said she went out because many promises had been made as well as intimated threats, that led her to believe that was the only course to pursue. After a sufficient experience, she concluded to apply for work again, which she did. She will explain her experience with the Company as to their treatment, as to earning capacity, as to sanitary condition, as to the relative health of the operatives compared with where she has worked in other mills, - also will admit that the terms of the contract are fair and that she has never been fined for defective cloth unless she felt such fine was proper and fair.

7. Mrs. Jennie Clinton. Has worked here for twenty years. Has also worked at the Exposition Mills. She was one of the original 76 to go out. Said she went out more from fright than from sympathy. She had been told of the many things that would be done if she did not go out. She refused to do any picketing or anything else except stay away from work at the mills. After attending some of their meetings she concluded she would go to work, as she had life insurance to pay and other expenses. She then sought and obtained a position at the Exposition Cotton Mills. She will explain the comparative conditions at other places of employment as compared with our mill. She will speak freely and openly of all conditions that exist, inside and outside of the plant, and along any lines that you will want to question her on.
8. Mr. Vigil McSwain has worked here about three years. Commended in the position of cleaning and oiling looms, - the lowest position in the weave room. Was given an opportunity to learn how to weave. Finally became a good weaver. He was then given an opportunity to learn how to fix looms. He is now acting in the capacity of assistant loom fixer. He will explain having signed the contract and having left with full knowledge of forfeiting what pay was in the office, but did so rather than stay here and be molested by people on the outside. He claims to be a sort of preacher, and because of his talking abilities had been strongly solicited by those on the outside to join their ranks, and many promises made him as to how he would be helped. He did not sympathize with the movement and, therefore, decided to leave town. He returned here after two weeks absence of his own accord, and can explain the comparative conditions from sanitary, health, earning and other standpoints, bearing in mind the mills he has worked at.
9. Mr. A. S. Griffin. Has been in our employ about twelve years. Has never worked in any other place except on the farm, coming directly from a farm in DeKalb County.

He found that farming kept him in debt continually,- his children had very slight opportunity to get an education. He concluded that he would do himself and family good by getting work in a mill,- has been here ever since. He will explain that he has saved money,- is making a satisfactory and honest living, and will state that any conscientious worker, interested in their work, can do the same.

10. Mr. J. R. James. He is an experienced weaver, in fact one of the best weavers in our employ. Has worked here off and on for a number of years, always coming back and glad to get back. Says he is fully acquainted with the contract, has signed it a number of times, sees nothing objectionable to it. He has been fined very little because, as he expresses it, he attends to his business and tries to make good cloth. Will explain the comparative earning capacity here as against other mills in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, all of which he has worked in. He admits at the present he is only earning \$9. per week because he does not want to work very hard, as he has been studying for the last two years at night a textile course. He will speak of the comparative sanitary conditions as well as the personal characters of the help.

11. Mr. W. A. Sweat. He will explain how he was prevailed on about the latter part of June to put in his notice and quit. They finally prevailed upon him to join the Union and made him temporary president. He was made promises by Mrs. Conboy, Mrs. Keliher, Mrs. E.B. Smith and Mr. W. E. Miles that they would pay all of his expenses, which included rent, insurance, actual living requirements, besides \$4. extra per week because of his wife's health and necessity of providing her with special food. They did not carry out these promises, all of which he will explain. He was worked with us four and half years. The balance of the time he worked at the Exposition Mills. He will explain the relative conditions in the two plants

from the different standpoints. He has served us in the capacity of loom fixer, private officer and rent agent, general overhauler and repairer. As rent agent, he had opportunities to compare the rents of adjacent property housing our people, with our rents, the general cleanliness and living conditions, the moral character of the tenants, and the rules of the Company as to the maintenance of a clean, sanitary and moral village.

12. Dr. E. W. Hawkins. Has been resident physician about a year and half. Among his duties is that of taking care of the village property, looking after rents, etc. He will explain regarding the health and cleanliness of the people as compared with his country practice outside.
13. Dr. C. A. Rhodes. Has worked among our people for a number of years, especially at the Wesley House in the free clinics. He will explain regarding health, inherited disease, etc..
14. Mr. G. A. Johnstone will make a general statement regarding the conditions existing here, and will lay special stress on the relative condition between Northern and Southern Mills from the many angles that a General Manager would naturally compare such plants.
15. Mr. Oscar Elsas will submit questions and answers and subject himself to such examination as appears proper.
- 16? A. B. Sweat, if he can be located, will testify to certain personal experiences which will be brought out in the inquiry.