

Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Jacob Elsas,

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No. 5- O. E.

C/o New York.

You no doubt will be glad to hear that our situation improved again this morning. The total number of looms stopped is 420, and we have several new weavers who will start to work on Monday morning.

McDonald stayed in front of the Commissary with a hand counter, and the result for the three days, respectively, was as follows:

Monday-----289
Tuesday-----171
Wednesday---208

He says as nearly as he could make out it was about the same crowd every day, and even went so far as to give them the benefit of a doubt where husband and wife came together, counting them two instead of one.

Every day this week the Commissary has been drained of its supplies by four o'clock in the afternoon. They are undoubtedly getting in a tight place for money. One of our men yesterday overheard a crowd of them talking at the Commissary, - to the effect that they had removed from the Commissary list twenty names of those who had joined the Union, because they were not in reality textile workers. If they pursue this policy, - which appears to be their intention, they won't have many left. It is self-evident that their only salvation in keeping up with the expenses is to get rid of the riff-raff.

We presume you noticed in the papers that the Monaghan Mills, in Greenville, are having a lot of trouble with the I.W.W., and that Mr. Ettor, the President of the I.W.W., and the agitator who made himself so conspicuous in Lawrence, has gone to Greenville to take charge.

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We have given instructions to Mr. Johnstone that under no circumstances will we hire Greenville help. We do not want to bring in any of the I.W.W. bunch. It is absolutely impossible to keep track of all this help, even though Mr. McCuen says he knows them, he does not know them any better than we thought we knew our help, and those who we least expected to go out left us, and those who we really expected to go, stayed with us. We are, therefore, going to exercise great caution in not bringing on new troubles.

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