

-----FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS-----

Report of Opr. J.W.W.

Tuesday, June 2nd, 1914.

Mr. Winyard and I left a 4:00 A.M. call, we left the hotel and finished putting in the Detecto at Union headquarters and after testing it out, we returned to the hotel arriving there at 7:00 A.M. I immediately got a messenger boy and sent the key of the hall back to Mr. Elsas. We left the hotel again and had several keys made to get in and out of building that we have rented. We then left and arrived at rooms in time to get the opening of the meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:55 A.M. by the Pres. of the Union. My machine was not acting right and I could not hear what he said until he was about through, he in turn introduced a Mr. Dumos or Domas from some Union in Atlanta. The machine sputtered and acted badly all through his talk, and I did not hear what he said, and as he was about to introduce Mr. Chas. A. Miles the next speaker, the machine finally became adjusted to the distance, as we are about 200 feet away from the building that they hold their meetings in.

Mr. Miles started to talk and he spoke of the men as being as bad, if not worse off than the prisoners in the Federal Pen. He said that they reminded him of "Dante's Inferno on horse-back." He then explained and said, "Dante's means Hell, and for the life of me, I can't see how you men and women work 62 hours a week and come out in the end with only 6 or 8 dollars a week". He said "all the labor organizations in Atlanta are behind you, and you can win this strike, and when you go back to work you can be your own boss; work 54 hours a week and get an increase in salary. The idea of you people going back to work under the existing conditions is a most horrible thing to think of."

"The fellow that is in prison is there because the police caught him and he cannot help himself, but you fellows that go back to work in that prison can help yourselves, and if you do, it will be a damn sight worse for you than being in prison. See all of those people that are working, go to their homes and talk to them, and tell them that we are going to stop this mill, and we will pay them while it is stopped and we will keep this Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill closed down until the Company meets with our demands, and the man or woman that fails to do their duty, we will wipe them off of our rolls, or something like that, and if we stand together we are going to win."
(more trouble with the machine)

Then some railroad man, an engineer, got up to speak. He is the same one that spoke yesterday. He told them how he had worked hard all day, and now that they were out on strike, there was no reason why they could not win, and if you stick together, he said "you will win". "Why we were out six years on one road and it took us all that time to win, but we won and we stuck together." Make men and women of yourselves, and don't go back to work in that mill until you have won this strike." Go out in the park and sit down, get the fresh air, and don't work over 8 hours in that dirty

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cotton mill; work 8 hours; have 8 hours for pleasure, and sleep 8 hours."

A Miss or Mrs. Smith, an ex - telegraph operator was next on the program, she said. "Last night brother Miles had accomplished more for the good cause at the Labor Temple than she could tell of to-day." "There will be formed what is known as the "Publicity Committe", I will be the one on this Committee, and it will be the main Committee that you will have appointed to do your work for you, and if the newspaper men or anybody else should come to you for information, you send them to me, I will tell them what I want them to know, and what I do not want them to know, they wont get it, and that what I want for publication, I will give it to them." "Tell them they will find me in this hall every day at 10:00 A.M." She then received 50 cents from some one, and gave it to Brother Cotton to go out to her home and bring in her typewriter to the hall. She said, "I want you ladies, one and all to come into the ante room, where I am going to, after this meeting, for the purpose of getting an affadaid from you ladies, and I am going to keep after you until I get one from everyone of you, for the purpose of showing the public how you have been treated in this mill in the past." "I want you to come and tell me what you cannot tell the men, for the Company will have affadaids too, and I want yours to fight them with, and I want it in black and white, or it wont be any good." She then produced a couple of letters that she received, but I could not hear what she was reading; too much noise in the hall, and after reading letters she told them they had the strike won.

The Presidnet then called for more people to join the ranks and sign up with the Union, and those that did not have 50 cents to come anyway and pay when they could, saying "we just have to have you in the Union at any cost. There was a lot of cheering, and it was announced that Brother Wark would have charge of the hall for to-day. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.