

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

Report of A. E. W.

Tuesday, June 2nd, 1914.

I left the hotel this morning at 4:30 A.M. and went at once to the Odd. Fellows Hall and got the wire in the building and transmitter in shape. I had a little trouble in getting over one of the roofs, but finally got everything in shape, and returned to the hotel, arriving at 7:00 A.M. Mr. Williams sent the key out to Mr. Elsas by a messenger boy, and we returned to the room that I rented, and set one of the machines to work.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Union at 9:55 A.M., but owing to the machine being in bad condition and not working right, I had to adjust it to the proper distance, thereby not hearing what he said.

The second speaker was a man by the name of Doman, and between his low speaking and the machine, I could not hear him, so I put the 2nd machine in on the line. He spoke of what good results there was in all of the laboring class belonging to Unions, and the good it had done in other places. He spoke very low and it was hard to hear him.

The third speaker was Mr. Miles the Organizer. He said "you men and women have striked for a good cause and if they did not want to keep themselves from being prisoners, to stick together as brothers and sisters. If you want to be prisoners, go out to the jail and you would be treated as good as you are in the cotton mill, because it will be trouble for you to go back to work under the present conditions. Just think of it, working for 62 hours a week and men with family getting only 7 and 8 dollars per week, where you could get more wages and have to work only 54 hours. We will close these Mills down and will keep them closed if the Company does not come to time, and we will win this strike. If all of you men and women will strike together there is no reason why you cannot win your cause, as you have all the Unions of the city behind you." Miles said that he wanted all the people in the Hall to work together, and go and have a talk with the people that were at work at the Mill, and get them to come down and have them join the Union.

The next speaker was a railroad man, and he spoke very low. He told of the Local that he belonged to, and it took 6 years for them to win out, and he hoped that all of the men and women would stick together, and he knew they would win and not get discouraged, as he knew the condition of the cotton mills, because he had worked in them.

The next speaker was Miss Smith ex - telegraph opr. She asked the people in the Hall not to have any talks with any newspaper men or anyone outside, and if they wanted any information to send them to her or the Committee, and she also wanted all of the women in the Hall to send her a letter stating the way they were treated in the Mill while they worked there. She spoke on the same lines as the other speakers, and at the close of her talk the meeting was very noisy and was dismissed.