

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

Report of Opr. #115

Sunday, June 21st, 1914.

I reported around Mills at 7:30 this A.M.; found everything quiet. Spent time from then till 12:30 among pickets. Nothing of interest to report in connection with conversations among them.

Attended a meeting at White City. Meeting addressed by Conboy, Kelliher, Smith, Miles and a representative of Local Union, whose name I could not learn.

All arguments used were same as previously used: Say strike is all over; say they are backed by organized labor from all over country, and have unlimited financial support. Mrs. Smith pictured mills and houses of Company as pest houses. Said that Cholera was being bred there, and that condition of mills was absolutely filthy. Also pictured Company as turning into streets, sick and dying people, and setting into street a woman with new born baby. This all done evidently to create ill feeling against Company, and gain sympathy.

I have been in company of Conboy, Smith and Miles. I find that the policy they are following is as follows: to keep up agitation, by any means; to gain sympathy of general public; to keep employees in good spirits, by "jollyng" them; to get support of City Officials by picturing filthy and unhealthy conditions of mills. Hoping to get an investigation, I find no evidence of violence being agitated, except individual expressions against Officials of Company, and these are discouraged by Organizers.

I find that strikers are so completely dominated by these organizers, that the ones who would return to work are afraid to express an opinion publicly.

It seems to me that in a little while this will wear off, and some break will be made. I have carefully felt this out, and feel sure that there are a number who will get together when chance offers itself. I am doing all I can to help this along, but have to use extreme caution, as it is absolutely necessary for me to keep covered, as I am in confidential relations with a number of the men, and am aiming for Smith, Miles and Conboy.