

S P E C I A L W O R K.

Thursday, June 18th, 1914. Report of Opr. # 115.

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

Was around mills 6:30 A.M., nothing of interest to report until meeting of Union at 10:00 A.M. Organizer Miles and Mrs. Smith made lengthy speeches. It is evident that they are in full charge of all details of strike. Miles said that the active body of Organized Labor was at the back of the strikers, both financially and in every other way. I note that both Miles and Smith are taking advantage of every little occurrence to make it appear that the strike is already won. Meetings are opened and closed with prayer. This is done to appeal to the religious element, as Miles says "God is with them, and they cannot lose" I note that all talking was done by Miles, Smith and a young man from Lindale, who was heartily greeted when he said he was always a Union man, and did not know of the strike when he came. Said he came to join the Union, and would stick to them. He asked for volunteers to go with him to-night to call on the rest of Lindale people about a dozen said they would go along with him. Mrs. Smith said she had been busy all morning seeing real estate people, regarding those whose rent was due.

She made a long speech, saying much and meaning nothing, but misleading information, to keep their courage up.

It was noticeable that not one of the employees of mill said anything, but just sat and listened, evidently all afraid of one another. About 30 joined the Union to-day. Most of them seemed to be "Hangers on" just there to get what they could. A parade attended by a brass band is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Smith begged of them to bring their families, and show how strong they are. Smith showed a letter which she claimed had been opened by the Fulton Company, asked all those who had trouble with their mail to rise. None rose. She said that Fulton Company had been in the habit of opening employees mail. Said that if anything detrimental to the Company's interest was contained therein, the letter was destroyed, otherwise they returned letter to addressee. Said that Fulton Company would soon find out that they could not "monkey with Uncle Sams' Mail". All this was plainly for effect.

A dollar bill received by Miles, was given much prominence to show what large financial backing they were receiving. An offer was received from a barber offering to shave free. A doctor also offered his services free. All these things are taken advantage of, for effect. Miles said they had received checks for \$65.00 from some other organization. He did not show the checks.

There is a system of pickets arranged to cover every street leading to mills, and also railroad stations, to meet strangers.

I spent the rest of the day as a picket, assigned to watch rear of mill. Nothing of any interest occurred.