

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

Tuesday, July 28th, 1914. Report of Opr. #115.

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

Change of picketing system of Miles and Smith has effect of keeping them on jobs better. I noted that at 6:00 A.M. to-day, pickets were at work at Terminal Station, Union Station and at Five Points. Smith and Miles by new arrangement, compel picketing to be done, under threat of cutting off commissary orders.

Attended meeting at 10:00 A.M. Sweat in chair. Wright made speech. Said he had been offered \$18.00 per week to go out and secure help in surrounding cotton mill towns. Bitterly assailed mill here, regarding moral conditions. Said Oscar Elsas had not a bit of morality in him, and was devoid of honor and truth. Said he was glad Oscar Elsas was turning plant over to Jacob Elsas, as strikers would have more consideration shown them. Said "smoky" streets of h--- was heaven, compared to conditions in Fulton Bag Mill.

Miles followed, first called girl named Ware, to tell of her experience yesterday in mill. She said looms were in a terrible conditions; impossible to run them. Work very bad, and no one was able to make any money at any part of mill. Miles said that all Miss Ware's statements were true, and were substantiated by the reports of all other of his men in mill. Said he had two or three in all departments. Said everything was moving nicely, and that they could rest assured that Elsas would soon be looking for settlement, and that the only way the people would go back, was in a body, and with every demand granted.

Said that labor leaders present Monday were pleased with big showing, and were going to report to their organizations that strikers were sticking solidly together, and deserved all the support possible. Said another meeting was planned for Saturday or Sunday, same place as last Sunday.

Smith followed. Said reports from her inside men showed two thirds of machinery smashed beyond repair. Work all through mills unfit for sale. Said mill planned to bring men in this week to work a few days, and then come out and say how well they were doing. Said that a large number of oystermen were on way (all Russian Jews) and advised strikers to let them alone as Elsas was doing union a favor by letting them work, as the little machinery left, would be completely ruined in a short time by them.

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Commissary is also giving a great deal of trouble, and a number are thoroughly disheartened with their treatment. I note also that religious people are keeping entirely away from union meetings. There has not been anyone present for two weeks, connected with Men & Religion Movement.

All these things point to a speedy dissolution of strike, and I know that Smith and Miles are secretly out of heart, but do not dare to show this feeling. There is also signs of a break between Miles and Smith. Smith is aiming to secure the leadership of strike, and will use any means to secure her ends. On the other hand, Conboy and Kelleher are very bitter against Smith, and will use all their power and influence with President Golden of the A. F. of L., to get her ousted from her place in strike here.

Regarding Mr. Daley, Commissioner from Department of Labor, Washington, he told me that he would pay little attention to them, as he would get his information from other sources first, and would not let them interfere in the least in his investigation.

In leaving, I desire to thank officials of Fulton Bag & Cotton Company for assistance, and courtesies extended me while here.

I leave here absolutely uncovered, and with good will of strikers and other people, and in case I am compelled to return at any time, my work will be much easier, having the good will and cooperation of employees, if I again return to work on other lines on Company's property.