

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

Thursday, September 17th, 1914. Report of Opr. #115.

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

I reported at camp grounds at 5:30 A.M. to-day. There were 21 men who marched in a body to mills, for picket duty. All these were occupants of tents. While there are no instructions except to try and get out employees of mill, there is a growing spirit of ill-feeling which may, and probably will result in some individual acts of violence, as a number of strikers express opinion that if violence is resorted to, it will frighten some of your help away. I have carefully noted conversations held, but as yet have no direct threats from any particular person, to report. It will be well however to be prepared, as all of the men are feeling desperate, and one man may start a disturbance in which all would probably join.

I note feeling of dissatisfaction with conditions at camp is steadily growing. Mullinax was in a state of intoxication to-day, and I heard him order a man named Harden out of camp, because he said he was too ill to carry water when ordered. Harden said he would leave and go back to work. I heard complaints on all sides of insufficient and badly cooked food, and also that favoritism was being shown at camp grounds.

I note absence of Miles and Smith. Both of them are in Birmingham, Alabama.

I was around mills from 5:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M., but saw no pickets at any point.

I have a petition which I am circulating among strikers, asking for relief from present conditions. Mr. Elsas has seen a copy of this petition. This is intended for presentation to officials of United Textile Workers of America, when sufficient signatures are secured, and on which I am working.