

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

Wednesday, August 12th, 1914. Report of Opr. #470.

I was at the mill this morning at 6:30. I walked to work with some of the weavers, and they told me there was considerable yarn pulled off the beams, as warps were running out. I have watched for this kind of waste, but so far have not weighed a single pound of it. It is either getting mixed with other waste, or is pushed down to the picker house ahead of time. There is also considerable waste caused by broken quills. I reported this to Mr. Haniker with section # etc.

The weavers say that some of the fixers are "cornfield" mechanics, and while no one ever saw a lot of weavers who were not continually growling, it shows the attitude of the weavers.

Mill No. 1, 4th floor card room made so much card waste yesterday, that the hands would not weigh it. One of the strippers told me later that they took down 15 large truck loads, each containing over 100 pounds. I questioned several carders about the reason for so much waste, and they claimed it was due to the way the laps came from the picker house. One of them said they had a good man there now, but he had not had time to get it straightened out yet. The drawing-in the 3rd floor of Mill No. 1, run by Smith and Freeman, made over 100 pounds of waste yesterday. Freeman says it was caused by "Single" and the sliver did not have strength to hold up, he blamed it on the carders not watching their work, and no doubt some of it is caused by this, as I saw three cards on one man's set, run so long without attention, that the duffer comb was all choked up with the cotton, and two others on the same set, at the same time, only putting half the sliver in the can, the rest going on the floor.

Freeman had considerable to say about working all during the strike, and now being put on a job where he could not make a living.

I talked with Mr. Haniker this evening, and suggested several changes in the waste schedule that would cut the time considerably, and suggested that he give me some more work to keep me busy.

I notice that the whip-rolls on the looms that were going badly, were lowered, evidently before my report reached you. These looms look to be running better. Mr. Rogers was around the slasher rooms to-day feeling the yarn going on the beams, looking for crossed ends, and examining the size used Etc.

The speeder and intermediate hands tell me the strikers are continually threatening them. This applies mostly to Mill No. 1.