

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

Report of Opr.  
#457.

Friday, November, 13, 1914

Reported for work at 6:30 A.M. and worked all day.

The Loom-fixer in the Section that I am working in is very slow in getting around to fix looms. This morning I had a loom flagged two hours and a half before he came to fix it. In the afternoon it was just an even two hours before he came, and when a man is trying to take a cut off, and the loom is stopped from two to three hours, it keeps him back, and sometimes he does not get it off. The section that he works on is on the first floor, in #1 Mill, and is in the corner where the air tank is. 13XR style goods are in most of his looms. The numbers of some of his looms are, 379-380-381 and 382.

I went up on the Street with Mr. Anderson, Jeffries, Mace, Taylor, Carrol Smith, James Smith and Wilber Brown. I left them and told them that I would be back in half an hour or so. I came down to the Post Office, and received letter telling me to ask the Overseer to put me on the cloth job, but it was too late. I cannot get down every night, because if I do they all want to know where I am going, and I am afraid that they will get suspicious of me, and I dont want them to do that.

Last night as I was coming out of the back entrance, on Carro' Street, the strikers were passing out hand bills about the meeting tomorrow. There were about twenty-five of them. Most of the people would not accept them.

On Decatur Street last night, when I got back in the crowd, after being down town, we were playing pool in one of the saloons, the one down near the Mission, and I was listening to the talk in general, and overheard three men on the benches talking about some of the men working in the Mill. I could not get the names of the men that they were talking about. They said that if they could get a chance at them that they would break their heads. They were speaking so low that I could not get all that they said. One of them was a man about 45 years of age, and wore overalls, had on a black coat with a soft hat of the same color. He was about 5ft. 6in. tall and dark complexion and his hair was beginning to turn grey. The other two were young men, and one of them was in a brown mixture suit with a black soft hat. He was of rather a light complexion, and about the same height as the older man. The third was about 5ft. eight in. wore a light blue coat and black pants, and black soft hat. His hair was black and skin quite dark. The two young men were doing most of the talking.

Mr. Mullen and I were talking while up on Decatur Street last night. We had some drinks together, and he was telling me that he is going to move his family up here next week. He said that the strikers did not know what they wanted, that they struck on acct. of the rules and that the rules were all right. Said that if they had asked for more money they would have gotten it without any trouble, and had not brought the union into it. I am going to the meeting Sunday.