

Operative #429, Special work, Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills,  
Sunday, September, 10th, /16.

I called on Harinis at the store at 9:30 A. M. and had a conversation with yhe clerk, and he stated that there would have to be a free speech fight in this town, and that the authorities would not let them hold street meetings, so that they could talk to the workers on organization. He said that they would probably do like they did out in the West, and that was to get the I. W. W. into the town and fill the jails up if necessary to enforce the constitutional rights of free speech. I asked him when the party would hold their next meeting, and he said that he thought the next meeting of the Fourth branch of the Socialist party would be held to-morrow evening in the Red Mens Hall. I went through Decatur St. at 3:00 P.M. in company of Hart, the spinning room fixer, and I noted that there was no sign of Lillie Preidt being around, and I feel that she was nottelling the truth when she stated that she had an appointment with me.

Hart told me that his boarding mistress made the statement that I was no Millman, but that I had some connections with the union. I said that I was a little interested in the union, but that I wanted him to keep all that to himself, as I would get fired, and if I did I would know that he had given me away. He further stated that hewould not give me away as he was in favor of the union himself, and that he would be Damned glad if there was a union in the mill, that cobditions in the mill required it. He said that he did not give a damn for his job, they could give him his money any time, as he could get a job in any place, that he was receiving letters every day from mill men every day wanting him to go to work for them.

He also made the statement that he had worked in a mill where there were detectives watching the mills so as to see whether they obeyed the law, and that they had been heavily fined. I would suggest that there is no precipitant action taken on this man Hart, as it may uncover me, as he will know if he is discharged that some one has reported him, and he will probably judge it was me.

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