

Operative #429, Special work, Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills,
Monday September 11th, /16.

I reported at the mills at 6:00 A.M. and worked on the same looms as before until 6:00 P.M. I was kept busy all of the morning, and I noted that all of the others were in the same way, and there was no chance to get in touch with any of those whom I desired to do so. At 12:40 P.M. Lillie Preist and two other girls from number 2 mill were in the entry way. They talked among themselves, and I tried to get in conversation with them, but she did not have anything to say but just smiled at me.

There were plenty of weavers in the mills looking for work, but not as many as usual asked off. I talked with Girard, Hamilton and the second-hand, but there was little of interest from them. Late last night Hart, fixer in the spinning room said that all of the girls like to work on his section, and that one in particular last week was going to get thorough unless she was placed on his section, and I note that she was placed on his section. Hart stated that the reason the girls liked to work for him was that he was familiar with them all.

Coming by Levy's place to-night he stopped me and asked me why I did not try to organize the workers in the mill. I said that I was the only union man in the whole place, and that I did not dare to even show my card to any-one. He said that he wished from the bottom of his heart that there was an I. W. W. here, because he said he knew that they carried on their strikes in the right way. He mentioned Paterson, N. J. and Spokane, Wash. as well as Lawrence, Mass. He said that he was going to write a letter to William Haywood explaining what the conditions were here, and that he knew for a fact that 90% of the employees in the Fulton Bag Mills were intelligent and willing to be organized. I asked him why the Socialist Party did not do that, and he said that in the first place they wanted an I. W. W. organizer, and in conjunction with the Socialistic Party force the authorities to let them hold public meetings on the street corners. He said that the party was holding a meeting in labor temple instead of as it was announced in Red Men's Hall. He said that this subject would be brought up at the meeting.