

Operative #429, Special Work, Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills,  
Tuesday, September 12th, /16.

I reported at the mills at 6:00 A. M. and worked until 6:00 P. M. on the same looms as I have been on before. During a conversation I had with Girard this morning, he stated that there had been violent trouble in this mill during the past strikes, and that the firm would fire out anyone they knew belonged to the union, and he then cautioned me not to let anyone know of my membership in the union I belonged to. He said that the union was a good thing, and also said that he felt that there would be trouble in these mills again in the future. I then told him that I would more than like to go out with Lillie Priest, and he suggested that we have a talk with her and have her get another girl and then the four of us would go out to Stone Mountain and have a good time out there. He said that it would be a good plan to fix it up for next Sunday. I said that this would suit me O. K. I did not see Priest to-day and presume that she was not working. I went up stairs to her department, and while I did not look so very closely, owing to the fact that I would have made myself too conspicuous, I did not see her around the frames. I made several attempts to talk with the loom-fixer, Hunt, but he was so much by himself, and seemed to be very bust, that I did not go near him. I rarely see him talking with anyone, and I have watched him carefully for this. The work ran bad to-day. The weave room I work in is always overheated. I note that all the weavers I come in contact with who have worked in this weave room say that this is the warmest place they have ever been in. I think, personally that the ventilation is very poor, and affects the efficiency of the employees. I feel that the coarse work which is being run in this room does not require such heat and moisture as when fine work is in operation. I took particular notice of the over-seer in the rope department; he certainly keeps his help working, but I doubt very much whether the results are any better from his bull-dozing methods, which I have seen him use on three different occasions to-day.

*I dont believe the J. Clay as no one of his help  
have ever complained of him*

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