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Special Work

Reporting at 7 am. I resumed duties in sewing room. I learned Mr Davis has had experience as a machinist told me if he had a small lathe he could do work that is now being sent to machine shop. He has a great deal of spare time in which he could do it. Estella Mitchell does nearly all of the changing of stitches for the girls Joe Yorkum does the cleaning + oiling fixing belts + Mr Davis merely adjusts machines + small repair. when machine is bad it goes to the shop. We have had only 2 machines to adjust in the last 2 days and suggest Co. look over the matter of equipping Mr. Davis's work room with lathes + so forth and know that he can do nearly all of the repairing for his wages which now costs the Co. another man's time and is a loss. at present machines are made work longer than they should. With necessary equipment it would reduce repair bills worn out parts

bad work + ill feeling among employees, Cutting Room having had a complete breakdown, Mr Ireland reported all machines would be in good order for some time to come, One cutting machine which is working bad and also needs attention at once Mr Ireland said he would ^{let} it stay till Mr. Hasty got back and was going to show it to him.

I suggest he be informed to discontinue use of machine before parts are ruined, He said there was a nick in knife that filled with foreign material which causes knives to slip and jump and make machine run very hard causing great wear on parts + bearings machine will not cut 28 in. goods machine is the east one of the twin power cutters. I suggest cutting machine man operator give more assistance in looking after machines production I asked him why he did not do so, Told me he was just one of the hands and did not want to have any more ^{work} than possible.