

SPECIAL WORK

REPORT OF OPERATIVE #226.

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I did not report to the mill this morning. I was with the boys today, and learn that every one of them wants a gymnasium. They seem to take an interest in athletic exercises. They talk of how much past time it would be to them. Other mills build them for the people. Now why is it we can't have one here? One of the men said, "Well boys I just tell you this mill Company is not going to put out a thing unless they have it to do." Some said, well if we were to go to the Superintendent in the right kind of way, he would have us one built, for we need something real bad, to amuse ourselves with. (One short chunky boy of about 5 ft. , weight 150 pounds with black hair and about 20 years of age with brown eyes who works in spinning room of No. 2 mill (says, "this is the first cotton mill I have ever worked at/^{that} they didn't have any amusement or anything for the people to have any pleasure in. It looks as much money as as the people make for them each year, they would have some place of amusement, and better homes for the help to live in . It is a sin for people to have to live in such places, as they have to live in here. I must say it is terrible for the people to have to live in filth up to their necks, both in the mill and in their homes, 24 hours per day. This is the very reason so many people who live here are in such bad health. Some people are forced to live in these places, for they haven't got the means to live otherwise, and if this company would build better places, it would bring better help also better health to the employees. It must be done, if you ever expect to run the mill successfully. There are hundreds of people who like the mill company, so why don't you help them. Give them more convenient places to live and congenial work to do, and encourage them, and so help them to take an interest in both their homes and work and watch your profits grow.