

Saver for

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Monday Feb 23-1920

Special work.

While on my way to the plant this morning I met the man who does the Painting (Tall slender Fellow) During the course of our conversation he told me that he was going to ask for 10 cts an hour more in Salary, and if he could not get it was going to quit as he had an offer where he could make that much, I felt him out told him I wanted to do a little job of painting and varnishing at home and needed White Lead Turpentine, Shellac and Varnish and he told me that when I got ready to do the job and wanted the material to let him know and he would give it to me, as he had gave a number of the fellows paint to do their own jobs with.

Arriving at the plant I changed into my working clothes and hung around the Machine Shop with the fellows until it was time for work to start. Nothing was said that I deem worthy of mentioning.

F-A-M- work was started. Anderson and I continued on our Machine up in the Bleachery, where we put in the entire day.

Saturday morning we took down the stretcher on the continuous machine to make some repairs, I considered this a very small job, It consumed the entire Four hours to take this part out of the machine and take it apart, which I considered entirely too long, due to him being so slow accounts for the time. It took us the entire day to put this stretcher back together and put it back in the machine, which also was entirely too much time, this man is very slow in his work, he became enforced a couple of times while putting this part back and I suggested a better and quicker way of handling it, which we done on it.

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Why not keep
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would still be hanging on the Chain Hoists. Having worked with this man Anderson almost a week steady, I found that he is very conscientious in his work, but his ideas of handling heavy parts and using the Chain Hoists are not very good, and due to his old age he has not the strength to do the heavy work required of him, and resorts to the Chain Hoists, where the average man could get along without in a great many instances. He remarked today that he had at least a full months work to be done in the Bleachery and he was going to request Bevil the Foreman to let me work with him until he was all finished because I was the best helper he ever worked with.

About 7:15 I went to the Pipe Shop for some rope to use in connection with our work, and there noticed two men changing their clothes preparing to start work.

It was necessary for me to make a number of trips to the Machine Shop for material during the day, and each instance I took particular notice that there was nobody hanging around, and at no time did I see any signs of loafing or cutting up.

For the past week I have noticed that a considerable amount of steam and water packing has been laying around the plant especially in the Boiler Room, Engine Room, Bleachery and the Machine Shop. I would suggest that a system be adopted whereby this packing could be cut to actual size by the one in charge of the storeroom, which would result in a great saving especially on the Rainbow Packing which I am sure is very expensive. I have had occasion to use this one particular brand, and have asked for a certain sized pipe and found that it had been cut from two to three inches larger each way, which was a total loss after I had made the proper cut required for the job.

During the afternoon Smith who was turning a Calendar Roller in the Machine Shop, told me that he had put in over Eight hours turning the Roller he had in the Lathe and Bevil had finally decided that it was no good, and could not be used under any consideration, which was a total loss of time and money to the Firm, he claimed that Bevil saw the condition of this roller during the early morning but simply told him to go ahead it was alright.

One of the men told me he had looked for more than one hour for a Drill Press Chuck Key to Drill a few holes, and I referred him to Smith who I was certain had a key to fit this Chuck. I would suggest that new keys be purchased or made, and chained to the Drill Presses, which will be a saving in time to the Firm.

At 5-40-P.M. Mr Coates passed on the floor of the Bleachery and saw two men changing their clothes, but failed to make any remarks to them whatever.

6-P.M. work was stopped, while in the washroom, nothing of interest was said, after which I left the plant and discontinued