

S P E C I A L W O R K .

Report of Agt. #747.

Wednesday, Oct. 29th, 1919.

This morning at 7:45 A.M. I applied at the Shipping Dept. and asked Rocco if he could put me to work, but he advised me I was too late, as he had hired two men shortly before, as extra men for the day. "The best way for you to do," Rocco advised me, "is to apply to the girl at the office and probably you will be put to work in another department." I went on the 2nd floor at 8:00 A.M., while the girl at the employment desk was busy with three ladies who were put to work. Half a dozen men were waiting there to secure positions and amongst them were two young men Tony and Frank former employees who worked at the mill before under the direction of Louis an Italian foreman on the 5th floor, but leaving their jobs to secure a better position in the sugar refinery at which place they did not last more than a week and from their talk I judged they were only floating men with no idea to work steady at one place. Mr. Elsas was around at 8:15 A.M. giving orders but while he noticed my presence we both feigned not to have ever seen each other before.

After the girl clerk got through with the ladies she hired she advised us waiting men that there was nothing doing this morning and to come around to-morrow. I begged the girl to let me fill in an application so as to be able to get work to-morrow if any men were required, but she said that I should come in again at 8:00 A.M. next morning. I made efforts to impress the girl that I was not particular about work and that anything would suit me, but she insisted on saying that I should apply to-morrow, so I left the premises with Tony and Frank and walked around the streets

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with them for a while.

They told me that Rocco lied to me when he said that he paid 65¢ an hour to his men, as two Austrians who were hired yesterday quit the job when they found out that they were only receiving 45¢ an hour. I am bound to believe Rocco's statement more than the one given me by the two young men, unless the Austrians were cheated which of course I do not believe.

The men claimed that they averaged \$17.00 a week while at the mill, but were sorry to have left thinking that they would get better positions which proved to be worse. After locating a room at 363 Myrtle Avenue which will be ready for me in a few days and will try again in the afternoon to secure work by asking two drivers I left the neighborhood for the day.