

MINERS' CASE HAS BEEN CONCLUDED

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with larger questions with some hope of accomplishing something.

In response to a question by Commissioner Wright as to what he comprehended in the phrase "recognition of the union," Mr. Gompers said: "Representatives of both parties meeting and agreeing on terms of employment for a specific period, and making a compact that no strike or lockout shall be inaugurated during the specified period, but instead that differences shall be adjusted by a compulsory policy; and in case of this failing, that arbitration shall be invoked."

The Cross-Examination.

Mr. Torrey conducted the cross-examination of President Gompers. Like some of the preceding witnesses, Mr. Gompers had written things and Mr. Torrey was prepared to confront him with the writings.

One of the things Mr. Torrey paraded before him was an article from the American Federationist, in which Mr. Gompers declared the "third party" to the mine strike—the public—had no rights to either interfere with the miners staying out on strike or to force the operators to open up their mines. Mr. Gompers said he still subscribed to that view.

In a report of the industrial commission, of 1901, a statement to the effect that the American Federation of Labor is antagonistic to all attempts to suppress the boycott, and that President Gompers in the national convention of the federation in 1896 advised that if a court grants an injunction against a boycott, the name of the boycotted party and the grievance against him be printed together with a statement that "we are enjoined from boycotting this party."

Mr. Gompers denied this. He advised, he said, that the injunction itself be published broadcast. "To strengthen the boycott, I suppose," queried Mr. Torrey.

"Do you think the publication of the injunction would be more effective than the boycott itself?" asked Mr. Gompers, and then, after a brief pause, he added: "Well, if you do, your views are all right."

Mr. Gompers said it was possibly wrong to give every local body of trades union the power to inflict boycotts, and admitted that private spies or commercial rivalry might sometimes enter into the infliction.

To Judge Gray's inquiry, Mr. Gompers said the observance of a boycott was not obligatory on any member of a union. It was left to his own conscience.

Improper Uses.

To boycott a merchant for refusing to sell necessities of life to non-union men, or to boycott school teachers because their relatives were non-unionists were improper uses of the boycott, Mr. Gompers admitted. "A rather far-fetched use of it," is the way he put it.

Mr. Torrey concluded the cross-examination by reading from the constitution of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers certain disciplinary clauses inflicting penalties of expulsion for drunkenness and so on, and asked Mr. Gompers if he did not think the United Mine Workers could improve their standing before the public, and particularly in the eyes of the operators, by making some provision for disciplining their members for breaches of this and similar kinds.

"When the mine workers come to be regarded by the operators with the friendliness and confidence that the railroads regard the engineers," said Mr. Gompers, "the miners will likely be disposed to make their constitution conform more closely to the views of the operators. There are some things in the matter of policy the miners should adopt, but not just yet."

A provision of the engineers' organization is that no illiterate man shall be initiated. "Ten years from now," said Mr. Gompers, "the miners might graft that into their constitution. Just now the miners' union should take in and educate the illiterate thousands

from southern Europe whom the coal companies have brought over here to work in their mines."

"Have you any evidence of coal companies bringing such men here?" interrupted Mr. Torrey.

"No trouble to prove it absolutely," said Mr. Gompers.

"We would very much like to have the proof," rejoined the lawyer.

Proofs He Mentioned.

"I can give to the chairman of the commission the name of a gentleman—whom I can not give now—who will give all the proof you need. I, myself, have seen copies of circulars sent through southern Europe inviting the men there to come to Pennsylvania, where there was plenty of work at big wages in the coal mines."

"Were not those circulars sent by steamship companies?" Mr. Torrey asked.

"Those particular circulars may have been sent by steamship companies, but it is a remarkable fact that those who responded to the invitation were not in this country very long before they were working in the mines."

Mr. Gompers was telling of the elevating influences of unions and cited certain of them which broke up the practice of making pay day settlements with laborers, or of engaging help in barrooms, as was a common practice years ago.

"That sort of thing is left for the politicians now," ventured Mr. Torrey, jokingly.

Mr. Gompers took this as a reflection on him personally, and came back with: "You probably know more about that than I."

Mr. Torrey had time to think a few things while the laughter was on, and when it subsided he remarked: "But, Mr. Gompers, I must protest. I have no office, while you seem to be able to hang on to yours very tenaciously."

Mr. Gompers asked the stenographer what the last question was.

It was 4.30, the adjourning hour, when Mr. Gompers left the stand. He will return to Washington today.

Hillside Company Statistics.

Appended is the summary of the statistics filed by the Hillside Coal and Iron company:

The statements submitted to the commission by the Hillside Coal and Iron company show, in detail, the number of colliers, the production, the shipments, the dockage, the earnings of the contract miner, and all other classes of labor.

Mr. Gompers asked the principal facts: Total number of breakers, 6; Total miners' tons produced, 80,000; Total tons prepared coal produced, 52,571; Total tons of pea coal produced, 16,048; Total tons of prepared and pea coal produced, 74,589.

Average number of pounds of prepared coal produced per miners' ton	1,822
Average number of pounds of prepared and pea coal produced per miners' ton	2,688
Percent of dockage	2.88

MINERS.	
Average earnings of all miners who worked during the full year	\$65.28
Total number of miners	1,011
A number of miners made net earnings ranging from \$2,520.76 down to \$1,175.00, and the average net earnings of all miners who sent coal out 90 per cent, of the number of days the breaker started, was \$21.52.	
Tons mined per day, per inside employee, 1900	4.40
Tons mined per day, per inside employee, 1901	3.90

COMPANY MEN.

Average earnings per day and per year of day and monthly men, commonly known as company men, by classes:

Average earnings per man per day, per year.	
Engineers, machinists, carpenters, blacksmiths, etc.	\$2.03
Firemen, pumpmen, stablemen, trackmen, timbersmen, etc.	1.83
Dummers, footmen, headmen, runners, loaders etc.	1.67
Drivers, engine gatemen, watchmen, etc.	1.44
Door boys, slate pickers, etc.	.86
Laborers and various other classes	1.57

Average earnings per year of men and boys	\$25.73
Average breaker starts	253
Average hours worked per day based on total starts	6.6
Number of suspensions due to action of employees	682
Number of suspensions due to machinery	116
Number of suspensions due to cave in	1
Statement concerning the houses owned by the company, as follows:	
Number of company houses	107
Average rental per month	\$3.19
Average number of rooms	5.8

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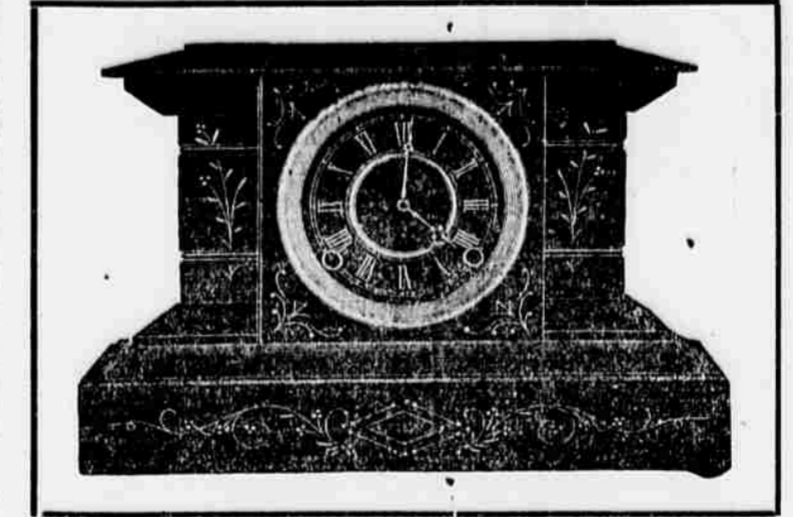
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