

Giguere, Brown and Corbett, and latter three being employees of M-14. At these meetings the men were told that while the Company felt they did the fair and square thing by the men, the department being increased 53%, in view of their plea that there was still discrimination, the merits of each of the men who did not receive an increase would be considered by checking up the work they did in the past; not what they were doing at that time as they might be doing especially good work looking for the increase, and if it was found that there were cases worthy of it an adjustment would be made immediately. They asked if they could have a definite answer the early part of the following week, and were told that by Tuesday or Wednesday, if it was decided to increase any of the men, they would be notified exactly what would be done. Giguere, Murray and Moore expressed the opinion that the Company had treated the men fairly and squarely, and the Committee all left apparently satisfied.

During the afternoon of the 14th, a request was made for passes for all the men so they could go out to hold a meeting downtown, thus shutting down the department. This was refused them; they struck and walked out at about 3 P.M.

Conciliator Benjamin was sent for, and the men returned to work on Feb. 18th pending investigation. Benjamin called for the assistance of Skeffington.

On Feb. 23rd, a slight difficulty arose over Viger being laid off for lack of work. It was shown that Viger's ability was very limited, and there was no work on hand which he could do.