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affair of Venne. That was about the end of April.

A Coming down to that affair of Venne. The company always declared its readiness to hold an investigation?

A Yes. The Company was willing to hold an investigation all right.

Q As far as that went, there was nothing unreasonable in their attitude?

A There is a good deal that is unreasonable.

Q How do you make that out?

A Well, because when a man works in a mill he cannot do anything of that kind. We stood some investigations in the past on matters of that kind, and, what was the result? Little girls and boys would go into the Office, and, they cannot speak English. They work in the Mill, and had been brought up in the Mill, and they see the overseer there before them, and they are afraid to say anything and do not stand any show.

That is the reason why we are against any investigation of any kind.

Mr. Mole said that affidavits might be taken, and that he was willing that they should serve. Then, I was satisfied.

Q Is it your view that a employee of twenty years standing should be dismissed simply the other employees ask for his dismissal, and threaten to strike if he is not dismissed?

A I never thought that.

Q You are against investigations?

A I am against investigations, and the workers are