

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF JACKSON SS
(COPY)

EDYTH STEARNS, of lawful age, being duly sworn, makes oath and says:

My name is Edyth Stearns; I am a resident of Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, and have been for many years. I am married and reside at 1524 Cypress Street in Kansas City. I am at present and have for some time been employed as an operator at the LaVerne Cloak Company at 926 Broadway.

I joined local 114 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in 1933 and have been a member in good standing since that time. Since April, 1937, I have been president of local 114. We have regular monthly meetings of local 114 at the office of the Kansas City Joint Board at 1022 Baltimore Avenue. We have approximately two hundred members in our local.

Before I became a member of the Union I was an operator at various dress and coat shops in Kansas City, and I became affiliated with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union because the investigation I made convinced me that in the shops where union employees were used the wages were higher, the hours shorter and working conditions better.

Before the time that the International Ladies Garment workers Union came into Kansas City, the operators in the dress and coat industry were working fifty to sixty hours per week and receiving from \$12.00 to \$15.00 in wages per week. Most of the plants which manufacture ladies' garments in Kansas City are now under union contract and the operators now work from thirty five to forty hours a week and the minimum wages run from \$13.00 to \$26.60 per week. Practically all of the work in the garment industry is done on a piece work basis. The fixing of minimum wages does not mean so much to the workers if the boss can fix the piece work prices for the different garments and raise or lower them whenever they want to. Through our union price fixing committees the amount for piece work is arrived at by bargaining with the employers which right we never had before the forming of the various local unions in Kansas City. Under the most favorable piece work prices which are now prevailing in Kansas City fixed by a committee

of the workers and representatives of manufacturers, many girls are now able to earn from \$25.00 to \$40.00 per week, depending upon the productive ability of the operator.

Local Union Number 114 was chartered July 17, 1933, and in the fall of 1933 the Karosen & Rice Cloak Company, now LaVerne Cloak Company, signed a contract with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and we have been operating under that contract ever since.

Membership in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in Kansas City is steadily increasing and the activities are becoming more varied each year.

Further affiant saith not.

(Signed) Edyth Stearns.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of October, 1937.

My Commission expires 9-17-1941.

(Signed) Thomas R. Lawler,
Notary Public.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DIVISION, WESTERN DISTRICT OF
MISSOURI

NO. 2924

DONNELLY GARMENT COMPANY, a corporation and DONNELLY GARMENT SALES
COMPANY, a corporation, Plaintiffs,

v.

INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS' UNION, et al Defendants

AFFIDAVIT OF EDYTH STEARNS (COPY)

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