

STATE OF MISSOURI  
SS  
COUNTY OF JACKSON  
(COPY)

ORA THORNTON, of lawful age, being duly sworn, upon her oath states;

My name is Ora Thornton. I am and have for eighteen years been a resident of Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. I am a widow and reside at 3920 Michigan Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri. I am at present and for the past seven years have been employed as an operator at Stern, Slegman & Prins Garment factory in North Kansas City, Missouri.

I am a member of Local 250 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in North Kansas City, Missouri, and have been since its organization in February, 1937. I am shop chairlady for the local and have held that position since the organization of the local.

Prior to the execution of the contract between my employer and the union in February, 1937, the operators worked from forty to forty five hours per week. Since the contract was executed we have worked thirty five hours a week, we have a price fixing committee, which meets with officials of the company once a week for the purpose of fixing the piece work price. The officials have cooperated with our committee and as a result, notwithstanding the shorter hours, the earnings of our operators have increased on an average of 15 per cent. I know what the increase has been because I have a record of the average wage for the year 1936 and have compared it with the average weekly wage since February this year.

The spirit in the factory is much better than it was before the unionization and the relationship between employer and employee is more cordial. Before we became a union shop many of the employees were afraid to take their troubles to the employer because they were not kindly received and in many cases were discharged. Since the signing of the contract in February, 1937, we have been perfectly free to take our complaints and troubles to those in charge. We have been kindly received and the employer has shown a willingness to assist us in working out our difficulties.

As shop chairlady I am allowed an hour and a quarter per week at 53 cents per hour by my employer to discharge the duties of my office.

I know that the members of Local 250 all feel that the union has been of great benefit to the employees as well as to the employer.

Further affiant saith not.

(Signed) Ora Thornton.

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

My commission expires April 28, 1941.

(Signed) Anna M. Feltenstein,  
Notary Public, Jackson County, Missouri.

(SEAL)

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 ORA THORNTON (COPY)

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