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AFFIDAVIT OF MAMIE TUBBERSING

STATE OF MISSOURI

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COUNTY OF JACKSON

MAMIE TUBBERSING, of lawful age, being duly sworn, on her oath states.

My name is Mamie Tubbersing. I am 32 years of age. I worked for the Donnelly Garment Company for 9 years and except for summer vacations and one week in 1933, I never lost a day. My work with the Donnelly Garment Company consisted of operating a binding machine, French binder, code piper, a special binding machine, pinking machine and for three months during the springs of 1934 I acted as assistant instructor. I worked on the sample line every season and worked on the silk and wool lines which is more tedious work and required better operators.

During the entire time I worked for the Donnelly Garment Company there was never any complaint about my work. I was laid off from my work on October 5, 1934, and told at the time that the lay-off was only temporary and not to take my uniform and working tools with me. Prior to October 5, 1934, I discussed with many of the girls the benefits of joining the union and expressed my intention of doing so. I talked to many of the girls after working hours and gave them my views about joining the union. Not having been called back to work I went to see Mrs. Reeves and asked her when I could go back. She told as my instructor didn't want me back. I told her I had talked to my instructor and also to Mrs. Wherry, the floor lady, and they both told me my work was entirely satisfactory; but she said that they did not want me back on account of my attitude. I asked "What attitude?" And she said "You know what I mean." I told her I didn't know, and she said "Yes, you do, Mamie," and she said "No, I don't think we will ever call you back." She asked me why I talked to the girls and called on them and said all these terrible things about the Donnelly Garment Company, and I asked her "What terrible things?" and she said "That the wages are unfair and the girls don't make their average." Then she asked me if I thought that was true and I said "Yes." She told me how hard she worked, that she worked at nights, and I told her we owed it to our own personal beings that when we left

work to leave it there, and she said "Yes, that is true." She then said, "Well, Mamie, I think you have been listening too much to somebody outside," and I told her that I had a mind of my own and usually made my own judgments. I told Mrs. Reeves in this conversation that the work was unfair and the girls were not making the wages that they should. The truth is that it was exceedingly difficult indeed to make the minimum wage scale of the low piece work prices. To do so we had to speed up to such an extent that it almost wrecked our nerves. A great many of the girls became highly nervous and many of them had nervous breakdowns. It was my belief that if the girls could be represented by a union that these unfair and hard conditions might be done away with. I am still a member of the union, attending meetings regularly, and will continue to do so.

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

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