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Chairman of Textile Strike Committee Praises Loyalty of Southern Workers.

ALL ARE NOW GOING BACK TO THEIR JOBS

Old \$8 Wage Will Not Be Tolerated, Says Gorman.

(AFRO Bureau)

WASHINGTON — A few minutes after he had called off the strike of the United Textile Workers, Francis J. Gorman, white, chairman of the strike committee, in an exclusive statement to the AFRO-AMERICAN, praised the colored men of the industry for their cooperation.

The strike, the most serious in the history of the textile industry, ended in complete victory, Gorman said in his telegram to the various local unions. In his statement to the AFRO, he said:

"There were about 50,000 colored textile workers who participated in the strike and the entire number cooperated with us splendidly. They took instructions and followed them to the letter and throughout the strike showed a spirit of willingness to cooperate to the limit. The strike committee appreciates that fact."

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was cited. Their telegram to strike headquarters read:

Francis J. Gorman. Chairman, Strike Committee,

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Washington.
We are hundred per cent walkout with
strike local twenty thirty nine bagging
dept dye house cleaning dept converting
room burlap dapt sorting room platform
truckers fireman tie shop dept truck
drivers been operating without code under old wages under eight dollars per
week does this mean we get same pay
and hours as textile workers thirty hours
per week and thirteen dollars per week
salary. salary.

Colored Employees -Augusta, Ga.

\$12 for 40 Hours

"The colored workers will now resume their tasks like all the rest, at \$12 per week for a 40-hour week, and under no conditions will previous violations of the NRA code for the textile in-dustry be tolerated. We are all going back to work on the level. bent on seeing to it that the Winant Board recommendations are fulfilled completely.'

Gorman told the AFRO that several branches of the industry have been discriminating against their colored labor, but in each instance it was a violation of the textile code, and would no longer be tolerated, he said.

Old Wages \$8

In some parts of Georgia it was learned that colored workers had been operating under old wages at \$8 per week. Such a practice is a thing of the past, declared Gorman when asked if the calling off of the strike would mean that all the colored workers would receive their proper compensation. The strike was brought to a

close shortly after President Roosevelt received recommendations from the Winant Board, appointed by him to investigate the complaints of the textile workers.

Workers Showed Strength

In ending the strike, Gorman said that the workers had shown their tremendous strength and that if there should be a failure at any point they can deliver a greater blow.

"We have now gained every substantial thing that we can gain in this strike," he said. "Our strike has torn apart the whole unjust structure of the NRA, lifting a load from all labor as well as from ourselves."