

COMPRESSED COMMENT

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ent, Illinois Central Railroad: "The terms ought to be satisfactory to both sides, and good results are likely to follow. The railroads are not afraid of investigation. The conduct of the men has been admirable, and it was a gentlemanly fight all through."

JAMES BYRNES, President of the Dock and Cotton Council, and President of the Screwmen's Benevolent Association: "I'm glad it's over, and I think that every one connected with the controversy experiences a similar emotion. The men kept their promises, and the strike ends as it began, with no lawlessness or violence, and with a promise of everything being satisfactorily adjusted. We have always been willing for investigation, and have no fear of the result of a fair-minded committee's deliberations. There is small chance of the coal wheelers' controversy reopening the battle."

CHRIS. SCULLY, President of the Longshoremen's Association: "This strike presents features that make it extraordinary. Nearly three weeks of it, with never a break in the ranks, and not a single act of lawlessness or violence. It goes to show that the working man is a respecter of laws, and that he has the interest of the port at heart as much as any one else."

RUFUS RUIZ, member of the longshoremen and prominent in labor circles generally: "The trouble is over and we are glad to see it pass. The fight of the past three weeks emphasizes the need of close affiliation among labor unions. Together they accomplish much; singly their power is seldom felt."

THOMAS HARRISON, Secretary of the Screwmen's Union and President of the United Labor Council: "The men made a good fight and through it all kept the peace like law-abiding citizens. They had justice on their side, and early in the difficulty showed the true conciliatory spirit. We have nothing to fear from investigation."

JACOB KLUNDT, President of Cotton Yardmen's Benevolent Association No. 1: "I think the terms of agreement are fair and am also of the opinion that all should be satisfied. However, I do not think that there will ever be any investigation, but incline to the belief that the trouble will be ultimately settled with some final proposition."

PETER CLARK, Secretary of the Cotton Yardmen's Benevolent Association No. 1: "We don't fear investigation, and when investigation is made it won't be our side of the house to suffer. We'll lose nothing, as there is justice in our cause."

ROBERT E. LEE, President of the Central Trades and Labor Council: "The men of the levee unions presented an unbroken front and for three long weeks struggled in opposition to great odds. They showed the proper spirit and are to be congratulated, for they have nothing to fear from investigation."

OSCAR AMERINGER, representing the International Brotherhood of United Brewery Workers: "This fight shows what is to be accomplished by the industrial form of unionism. The screwmen, with the backing of the other big unions of the Dock and Cotton Council, were considered. Had they stood alone and the other levee unions worked on the wharves they could have gained nothing, but would have doubtless been crushed out. The screwmen from the first showed that they were anxious for peace; that they had the interest of the great port of New Orleans at heart, and offered commendable concessions. Even the enemies of organized labor cannot accuse the levee workers of lawless tendencies, for if ever there was a quiet, peaceful strike this certainly was."

PATRICK MCGILL, Southern Organizer for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters: "The men stood together as a unit, and if they are satisfied with the settlement, why the men of our Brotherhood who went out in their support are content, too. I'm glad to see that everything passed off quietly and that nobody was given the opportunity of calling us lawless."

E. G. SWAN, President of Longshoremen's Benevolent Protective Union (colored): "The screwmen showed the proper spirit all through this controversy, and diplomacy, and not brute force, was used to settle things, which condition should always obtain in a civilized country. All the men stood together and all were conservative, and as a result we gain the result everyone desired."

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Various Views on the Strike and Its Settlement.

W. P. ROSS, Manager of Head Line, Maclay-Prentiss Line and other lines, Chairman of the Steamship Agents and Stevedores' Committee: "This strike, for its magnitude and the time it lasted, was most unusual, I might say remarkable, not a single act of violence having been recorded, and not even a suggestion of lawlessness."

M. J. SANDERS, Manager of the Leyland Line: "The strike was a remarkable one, and I think the men are to be congratulated upon their attitude throughout the trouble."

WILLIAM H. HENDREN, Manager of the Texas Transport and Terminal Company: "The strike is unique in the history of strikes. It ran three weeks, less one day, and although there were thousands of men involved, there was never the sign of trouble."

E. F. KOHNKE, Chairman of the Conference of Exchanges and Commercial Bodies: "Settlement was effected on lines similar to those laid down by our Committee, and I think that with a good investigating or arbitrating committee and an impartial, unbiassed umpire, general good will result."

JOHN B. HONOR, contractor and stevedores: "I'm very glad it's over, and there cannot be too much said in praise of Mayor Behrman's efforts to bring about a peaceful solution to the controversy."

T. B. THRIFFLEY, contractor and stevedore: "Investigation, that's the best thing that could be ordered, as it will set at rest for the future charges that might be made. The stevedores are ready for it at any time."

WILLIAM J. KEARNEY, President of the Stevedores' Association: "The strike ran three weeks, and we were all kept busy. Both sides, I think, showed the proper spirit in reaching a basis of settlement."

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