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TEXTILE WAGE HEARING RESUMED IN WASHINGTON

The hearing before Administrator Elmer F. Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, on the recommendation of the textile industry committee that the minimum wage in that industry be set in a wage order at 32-1/2 cents an hour will be resumed in the Raleigh Hotel, Monday, July 10, at 10 A.M., it was announced today.

Acting under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Mr. Andrews, upon receiving the recommendation from the committee headed by Donald M. Nelson, Chicago merchant, began his hearing in the Department of Commerce Auditorium on June 19 on the question of whether he should approve the wage recommendation. Hearings were continued in Washington for one week during which the evidence upon which the majority of the committee based its recommendation was placed in the record. The 32-1/2 cent recommendation had been adopted by a 13 to 6 vote.

Because of the large number of Southern witnesses who desired to be heard on the matter, Mr. Andrews adjourned the hearing to the Ansley Hotel in Atlanta, where he sat during two weeks beginning June 26, except for the Fourth of July holiday period. The interests opposed to the 32-1/2 cent rate, however, had not completed their presentation in Atlanta today, and Mr. Andrews therefore announced that they would be continued in Washington.

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