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COURT REVIEW FOR WOOL WAGE ORDER

Moniteau Mills, Inc., of California, Mo., has obtained a stay of the 36 cents-an-hour minimum wage order which went into effect today (Monday) for the woolen industry, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit at St. Louis, Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, announced.

The woolen wage order was signed by Colonel Fleming on May 13, 1940, to be effective June 17. The order was issued after a public hearing on the 36 cents-an-hour recommendation of the Wool Committee at which Moniteau Mills, Inc., made an appearance in opposition to the proposed order.

Judge John B. Sanborn of the Eighth Circuit signed the stay on June 14. Judge Sanborn ordered the corporation to furnish a bond of \$10,000 within ten days to insure payment of 36 cents an hour for the workers should this legal action fail.

The stay applies only to the petitioner, Colonel Fleming emphasized.

"The stay was entered," he said, "in a proceeding pursuant to Section 10 of the Fair Labor Standards Act which provides for a review of wage orders issued by the Administrator. Such review may be obtained by any person alleging himself aggrieved by such order upon petition filed in a Circuit Court of Appeals for the United States.

"It should be noted that the stay signed by Judge Sanborn applies only to the woolen company involved in this particular proceeding. The operation of the wage order is not stayed as to any other member of the woolen industry. This wage order went into full effect today as to the other members of the industry."

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