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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LAEOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION Washington, D. C.

. FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS CHARGED TO GEORGIA TEXTILE MILL

DUBLIN, GA., Oct. 31 -- Falsification of wage and hour records by the Eastman Cotton Mills, of Eastman, Georgia, and Guy M. Vann, its vice-president and manager, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, is charged in a 13count criminal information, signed by J. Saxton Daniel, Federal District Attorney, filed in United States District Court here today on order of Judge William H. Barrett. Trial was set for the third Monday in January, 1941.

Other violations of the Act charged in the information were one of failure to keep records, two of shipping in interstate commerce goods produced in violation of the Act and nine of failure to pay the minimum wage of $32\frac{1}{2}$ cents an hour, applicable by Wage Order No. 1 in the textile industry.

The information was based on evidence furnished by inspectors of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

The falsification charge sets forth that the mills employed women workers, showing on its records payment to them of the correct minimum wage for the correct number of hours as required by the Act. However, the information charged, they were forced to split their wages with helpers employed for them by the mills. The result was that each received only half a minimum legal wage.

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