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PHILADELPHIA SILK COMPANY INDICTED IN GEORGIA

George B. Pfingst, Inc., a Philadelphia silk firm, and its secretarytreasurer, John P. Reynolds, were under indictment today in the U. S. Court at Newman, Georgia on charges of shipping into interstate commerce goods produced in violation of the Federal Wage and Hour Law.

Last month the Federal Grand Jury returned an indictment charging a number of violations of the Wage and Hour Law against the Best Manufacturing Company of Gainesville, Georgia, a silk mill owned by George B. Pfingst, Inc. John P. Reynolds, who is also secretary-treasurer of the Best Manufacturing Company, was also indicted at that time. These indictments charged failure to pay the minimum wage and failure to pay time and one-half for overtime; also falsification of records.

The silk mill at Gainesville, Georgia, employs about 200 workers, mostly women. The Wage and Hour Division has computed restitution due these workers to approximate \$35,000.

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