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THE MILLS AND LEGISLATION.
 Other evidences of unrest in regard to the cotton mill situation in South Carolina continue to come to the surface. The following is taken from a Charleston dispatch to the Spartanburg Journal:

"It is understood that at the coming session of the legislature, for the protection of banks and investors a bill will be introduced to require the offices of president and treasurer of mills to be held by different parties; the paper of the concerns to be signed by other mill officers than the president. Probably a bill for the creation of a new state officer whose business shall be solely to examine and report upon the condition of the mills and generally to protect public interests from rascality and loose management by head officials of the industrial concerns."

We think that the legislature should be slow and careful in considering legislation relating to the cotton mill companies or other property rights. Cotton mills are not common carriers or life insurance companies; the people have not the intimate connection with them that they have with the former. Over one hundred thousand South Carolinians derive a living or an income from the mills. Every cotton planter and thousands of growers of country produce are deeply interested in their success. Year by year the mills should prosper and become greater helps to the people of the State.

If an officer or commission be needed to protect the interests of the mills and the people, let the legislature appoint him or provide it. We doubt if either be needed. We are not prepared to say. If the mill companies cannot be relied upon to place proper checks upon the conduct of their financial officers, let the legislature act.

When anything is asked by the mill operatives the legislature should give it liberal and serious consideration. It must never be forgotten that the humblest person in the weave room is entitled to the same regard from the lawmakers as is the president or mill owner. The best policy is for the legislature to severely let the mills alone, owners, operatives and officers, unless the demand for legislation is sharp; unless the facts show an urgent and positive need for it.

If the mill owners wish the legislature to keep hands off they must act fairly and not abuse their powers. Of course the majority must rule. But the majority must not grind and crush. In a stock-holders' meeting, if one man own more than half the stock that means that he owns just that much more than half the brick, timber, land and other property. It is not like a primary election in which Smith's vote is as good as Brown's. Now the man that owns more than one-half the pounds of property, that has more than one-half the physical power, in a cotton mill has no right to crush the man who owns less than half. It is his duty to use it so that the energy of both shall combine and produce all that is possible for both. When the bigger man shows a disposition to hurt or destroy the smaller, then the public, the State, the people must come in and stop the destruction. Otherwise the State would lose all that was destroyed.

The legislature might find it worth while to consider the relation of the mills' selling agents and the mills. The mill agent naturally wants to get all the money they can out of the mill. It is his interest to charge as high commissions as he can get. The interest of the stock-holder is that the smallest possible commissions be paid. If a mill agent be also a stock-holder, it is his interest still to make all he can as agent, to charge high commissions. For instance Mr. Milliken's firm owns nearly a third of Laurens Mills. At 4 per cent his commissions are about \$30,000. At two per cent about \$15,000. If the annual dividend were reduced from 12 to 8 per cent he would draw on his \$89,333.33 instead of \$14,000. But he loses \$15,000 by the cutting down of the commissions, only one-third of which would go to him as a stock-holder.

Thus the interest of the stock-holder and mill agent are at enmity. They clash. The directors of a mill are the representatives of the stock-holders. They are entrusted with the duty of running the mill solely in the interest of the stock-holders, with due regard to the hired help from the president down.

Now can a mill agent be true to his interest as a mill agent and true to his interest as a stock-holder? We shall not express a positive opinion now. There may be two sides to the question. But it is worth the consideration of legislators. An Act might be advisable making selling agents ineligible to membership in the board of directors.

Again, South Carolina mills ought to be governed at home if they are owned at home. A director who lives here in Laurens will be disposed to be fair to everybody more than will the man in Boston. The home man knows and hears both sides. The legislature might consider what proportion of the directors' places outsiders should have. Thousands of us have for years been sending our money to New York life insurance concerns. Now some of us feel foolish. We are stock-holders, little fellows may be, but stock-holders just the same and now we are informed that the New York bosses have been paying out our money to Republican campaign funds and for free lunches for

clerks. Seventy-two thousand dollars for free lunches. We have all been made fools of; because we have let this business be managed entirely in New York. We should have insisted on managing our share of it; all of us who have bought insurance policies. Shall we let the South Carolina mills be managed and bossed in New York?

We think we hear some of our cotton mill friends howl in horror that talk like this will "drive away Northern capital." We answer that rather than that Northern capital own and boss our State and our people, we say, drive it away!

We are for fair treatment to Northern capital and all other capital. We do not want a dollar of outside money invested here to pay more than its share of taxes. We want the Northern interests to have full protection under the law.

But we take our stand here and now that South Carolina cotton mills in whom hundreds of thousands of South Carolinians are interested shall be managed and bossed by South Carolinians in South Carolina.

One word. There are those who say that THE ADVERTISER'S motives are biased and personal. True THE ADVERTISER is Mr. Lucas' friend but we don't think Mr. Lucas will agree fully with what we have said. We can't help that. The questions involved in this Laurens Mill fight are bigger than Lucas. The fight won't end in Laurens.

Shall our mills be independent or mere feeders to New York? In forcing the issue in Laurens the Millikens are dragging the mills into politics. They are putting a club into the hands of every demagogue in South Carolina. THE ADVERTISER has always defended the mill interests from demagogues and extremists. We are ready to do so again.

Here is the Milliken program:
 Four per cent at all hazards.
 Punish Lucas.

That program is immoral. It is iniquitous. It is destructive. It is reckless. It is inflammatory. It is incendiary. It is calculated to create a party in South Carolina antagonistic to cotton mills and to make their management and control an issue in the campaign for governor next year. This we deplore. This we would avert.

The responsibility is on the Millikens. They commenced the fight, determined because they are greatly wealthy and have the power, to crush those who do not bow to them.

Their campaign is founded on selfishness. It is rooted in hate. Therefore they do not come into Court with clean hands. They cannot complain if the weaker, driven to the wall, defend themselves with the weapon in easiest reach,—even if it be one that they are not familiar with in cotton mill contests.

Conditions in South Carolina are ripe for radical legislation. Everything contributes to it. Indeed, the cotton mills are always in peril from ignorance and prejudice in the legislature. Some of us, the editor of this newspaper for one, have helped for years to steer the mills clear of the rocks.

Compared to our people, Mr. Seth M. Milliken in financial strength is a Sampson. In hot thirst for vengeance he would pull down the pillars of the temple.

Was ever a Sampson blinder? This one, we are informed, is deaf also to the warnings of his own friends.

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State of South Carolina,
 COUNTY OF LAURENS.
 In the Court of Common Pleas.
 The J. W. Copeiani Company, Plaintiff, vs. Lucinda Bourn, Anderson Hitch, Rosa Bourn, Mary Powers, Frank Beason and G. C. Young, Defendants.

Pursuant to a Decree of the Court of Common Pleas in the above stated case, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, at Laurens, C. H. S. C., on Salesday in November next, being Monday, the 6th day of the month, during the legal hours for such sales, the following described property, to wit: All that tract, piece or parcel of land lying, being and situate in the County and State aforesaid, containing Fifty (50) acres, more or less, bounded by Mrs. Frances Henry, Miss Louisa Copeiland and others, known as the Betsy Mulligan Home Place.

The Decree of the Court herein finds that there are three separate and distinct parcels of land embraced in the tract described above and provides as follows: "The Davis land of some Five (5) acres, more or less, bounded by the Stewart land and Sloan land and others, shall be sold first; and if that tract should bring a sufficient amount to pay the Plaintiff's mortgage and the costs of the action, then the Stewart land of Forty (40) acres shall not be sold, but if the Davis land does bring not a sufficient amount for the purpose aforesaid then the Stewart land shall be sold, that is such interest as was owned therein by the said Elizabeth Mulligan at the time of the execution of the Plaintiff's mortgage, or at any time since, and if the said tracts do not bring a sufficient amount to pay the Plaintiff's mortgage and the costs of the action, the Sloan tract of Five and three-quarter (5-3/4) acres shall be sold, even if the Davis tract and the Bill Stewart tract should bring enough to pay Plaintiff's mortgage the Sloan tract of Five and three-quarter (5-3/4) acres must be sold to satisfy the mortgage of G. C. Young, under all the directions as to such sales hereinbefore given.

Terms of Sale: One-half cash, balance with interest from day of sale on credit of twelve (12) months, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises, with leave to the purchaser to pay his entire bid in cash. Purchaser to pay for the papers. If the purchaser does not comply with the terms of the sale, the land shall be resold in the order stated, on the same or some subsequent Salesday, and on the same terms, at the risk of defaulting purchaser.

JOHN F. BOLT,
 C. C. C. P. & G. S.
 Oct. 6th '05—td.

State of South Carolina,
 COUNTY OF LAURENS.
 In Court of Common Pleas.
 Elizabeth C. Madden, et al., Plaintiff, vs. Ernest Turner and Lidie Florence Turner, Defendants.

Pursuant to a Decree of sale in the above stated case, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, at Laurens, S. C., C. H., on Salesday in November next, being Monday, the 6th day of the month, during the legal hours for such sales, the following described property to wit:

Two tracts of land situate in County and State aforesaid. Tract No. 1, known as Home Place, containing one hundred and twenty-seven and one-half acres, more or less, and bounded on the North by lands of C. C. Pitts, Daniel Franks and L. L. Compton, on the East by James A. Madden and tract No. 2 and on the South and West by lands of Jno. D. M. Shaw.

Tract No. 2, containing one hundred and thirty-two acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of John R. Finley and Allen Motes on the North and East, Jeff D. Pitts on the South and J. D. M. Shaw and tract No. 1 on the West.

Terms of Sale: One-half cash, balance to be paid twelve months from date of sale, the credit portion to be secured by bond and mortgage of the purchaser over the said premises, bearing legal interest from date with leave to purchaser to pay his entire bid in cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. If the terms of sale are not complied with, the land to be resold on same or some subsequent Salesday on same terms, at risk of former purchaser.

JOHN F. BOLT,
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 Sept. 29th, '05.—td.

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THE HUB.

Notice of County Treasurer.
 The County Treasurer's Books will be open for collection of State, County and Commutation Road Taxes for fiscal year 1904 at the Treasurer's Office, from October 15th to December 31st 1905. Those who prefer to do so can pay in January, 1906, with one per cent. additional; those who prefer paying in February, 1906, can do so with 2 per cent. additional; those who prefer to pay in March, 1906 to the 15th of said month can do so by paying an additional 7 per cent. After said date the books will close.

All persons owning property or paying taxes for others in more than one Township are requested to call for receipts in each township in which they live. This is important, as additional cost and penalty may not be attached. Prompt attention will be given those who wish to pay their taxes through the mail by checks, money orders, etc. Persons sending in lists of names to be taken off, are urged to send them early as the Treasurer is very busy during the month of December.

The Tax Levy is as follows:

State Tax,	5 1/2 mills
County Ordinary,	2 mills
Special County,	2 mills
Public Road,	2 mills
School,	3 mills
Total,	15 1/2 mills

Laurens Special School 3 1/2 mills
 Gray Court-Owings, 4 mills
 Fountain Inn, 4 mills
 Ekorn, 2 mills
 Waterloo, 2 mills
 Cross Hill, 3 mills
 Mountville, 2 1/2 mills
 Clinton, 3 mills

All able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00, except old soldiers, who are exempt at 50 years. Commutation Road Tax \$1.00, in lieu of working the public roads, to be paid at the time as stated above.

J. H. COPELAND,
 County Treasurer.
 Laurens, S. C., Sept. 26, 1905. td.

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 LAURENS, S. C.

State of South Carolina,
 COUNTY OF LAURENS.
 By O. G. Thompson, Esquire, Probate Judge.

Whereas, A. M. Hill made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of V. B. Robertson.

THESE ADVERTISEMENTS are published and admonish all and singular the Creditor and Creditors of the said V. B. Robertson, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens, C. H. S. C., on the 19th day of October, 1905, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted to me.

Given under my Hand, this 3rd day of October, Anno Domini, 1905.
 O. G. THOMPSON,
 J. P. L. C.
 Oct. 4th—td.

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