

police were waiting for us to finish making this appointment at the public relations man's request to escort us downstairs again.

Mr. THOMPSON. Where were the police?

Mr. LYONS. They were right there in the lobby, too.

Mr. THOMPSON. With you?

Mr. LYONS. Yes.

Mr. THOMPSON. Waiting for Mr. DiGiorgio to finish his lunch?

Mr. LYONS. No; they were waiting for the public relations man to tell them what to do with us.

Mr. THOMPSON. Oh; I see.

Mr. LYONS. Finally he told them to get us out of the building. Then they took us downstairs again and this time they locked the elevator door and they blocked the stairway.

Mr. THOMPSON. What floor were you on?

Mr. LYONS. We were on the sixth floor.

Mr. THOMPSON. Sixth?

Mr. LYONS. Yes.

We had no choice then but to leave and come back the next morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. THOMPSON. How could you leave? The elevator was closed.

Mr. LYONS. Well, they took us downstairs, they escorted us on the elevator downstairs, and when we were off the elevator operator was down there to lock the elevator so we could not come back up.

Mr. THOMPSON. Well, that was very nice of them to take you down; wasn't it?

Mr. LYONS. The next day we came back. Mr. DiGiorgio had agreed to see only three of us. When we came back the elevator was still locked, the elevator operator was standing beside the elevator to be sure that nobody went up on the elevator that was not supposed to. After he went up and saw Mr. DiGiorgio to inform him that we were downstairs, he unlocked the elevator and escorted us up.

We went into one of Mr. DiGiorgio's offices to wait for him. When he came in he asked what we wanted, and we told him that we wanted to have an election on union representation. He said his position was the way it had always been, that he would agree to an election if both unions agreed, but he knew that both unions would not agree to have elections. The Teamsters always opposed elections and this was Mr. DiGiorgio's excuse for not having elections. So I asked him who owned the corporation, him or the Teamsters? This made him a little mad and he said that he did, and with that he said that was all that he had to talk about and he left the room. One of his public relations men was there and he told him to take over and do what he could.

We talked to the public relations man and he agreed to call the Teamsters and try to get them to agree to an election. This took about 3 hours. In the meantime we were waiting on his answer. When he came back he said that he could not get ahold of the Teamsters, that we were on private property and we were trespassing and if we didn't leave he would really have us arrested today.

So we said, you know, we came all the way from Arvin up here to talk to Mr. DiGiorgio about having an election and we chose to stay until we got an answer from Mr. DiGiorgio. He called the police again and he had us arrested along with some of the labor leaders in San