Testimony on behalf of applicant

Margaret Farron

Before Com^r Andrews

No Cross.

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Margaret Farrow being sworn deposes as follows.

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I could not earn more than two dollars a week, at fine sewing

4 State what effect sewing with the machine has had upon your health, & what wages you can make with the machine?

A It has improved my health very much, I have not lost two weeks in twenty months for want of work or from ill health. I make five dollars a week, & by piece work could make more.

5 State the effect of machine sewing compared with hand sewing, upon the Eyes.

A. It has not injured mine in the least. I think hand sewing is much more injurious to the Eyes, because you have to watch more closely.

6 State how many hours you have to work by the day with the needle to make $2. a week, & how many you have to work with the machine to make five dollars a week.

A I had to work from 5 in the morning to 2 or 3 o'clock

the next morning, to make two dollars a week by hand sewing on fine work, which was the highest pay: On the machine I work from 8 in the morning to 6 in the Evening: 10 hours a day.

7 State whether you consider the sewing machine of great benefit to needle women in all respects?

A Yes sir. I do. The needle women all tell me that it has not injured them any, because they have as much as they can do at basting. Needle women now work only ten hours a day & get more wages than they did before the introduction of the machine.

8 State the work of how many will one machine do.

A On very fine sewing it will do the work of four. On coarser sewing more.

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