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give it to them. One of these men then said to him - "We will fix you". He then put him back to work again. This man has ten days coming to him from this pay day and two days from last pay day, making twelve days. The other man has ten days coming to him."

Mr. Cowie, who had been sent for by Mr. Hendrick, came in at this point, and Mr. Hendrick repeated to him what these men had said.

Mr. Cowie: "That foreman was discharged day before yesterday. I do not know anything about this matter. He was not discharged on account of this. But he has been discharged."

Mr. Hendrick: "These men claim they have some money coming to them."

Mr. Cowie: "When men are discharged, they are paid right away."

Mr. Hendrick: "They claim they are unable to get their money."

Mr. Cowie: "I will make a point of seeing Kelley, and go deeper into this."

Mr. Hendrick: "I want you to be sure and do so. Because these men cannot speak English is no reason for imposing on them. I want you to follow this up and see that they get what is coming to them, and I will write to the other contractor cautioning them against employing this man Kelley. Will you have these men meet you and see that justice is done them?"

Mr. Cowie: "Yes sir."

Mr. Hendrick: "All right. I wish you would look into this matter very carefully and report back to me what you do."

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By appointment, Mr. Hendrick met foreman Kelley at 5.30 p.m. in Mr. Cowie's office, together with all the men employed in his gang. After cross-questioning all parties, lasting until nearly seven o'clock, in which four men stated they had given Kelley a dollar to get work, and six men stated they did not give him any money, I told the contractor that I wished him to see that these two men were reinstated, if they were satisfactory in their work, which he promised to do. I stated that I was going to look further into the matter, as I wanted to get at the true facts; that no imposition of this kind on the laboring force would be countenanced for a moment. I adjourned the meeting to have Mr. Cowie meet me in my office to-morrow morning.