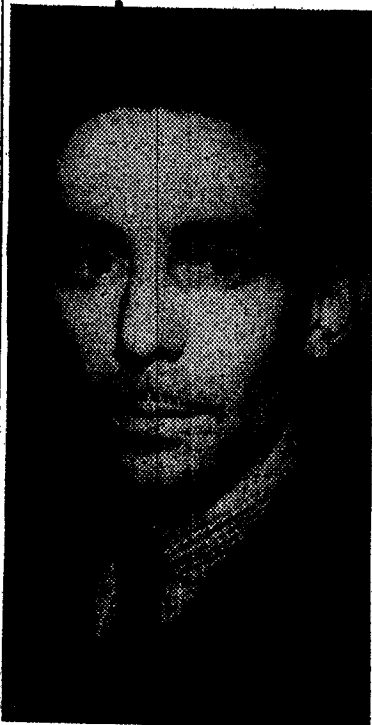


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**Explains Admission Before
Senate Probers That Agency
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**Leader Of G. M. C. Anti-
Strike Demonstrators Tells
Of Police Job In Atlanta**

James T. Johnson, chairman of the group which directed some of the anti-strike and anti-union demonstrations by workers of the General Motors Corporation plants in Baltimore, denied last night he had been employed by the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

Johnson referred specifically to testimony given by him on Monday before a Senate investigating committee when he admitted under questioning that he had once been a Pinkerton agent. He testified he worked in that capacity at the Atlanta Fair Grounds.

Stopped By La Follette

Yesterday Johnson said that when he tried to explain the precise status of his Atlanta employment to the committee, he was stopped by Senator La Follette (Prog., Wis.) and told he must answer "yes" or "no."

Johnson added that at that time he "could not say honestly whether the money I had received had come from the Pinkerton agent or the Southeastern Fair Association."

In order to check on this, Johnson on Wednesday night went to Atlanta and returned yesterday with a sworn statement made by V. J. Meigs, secretary of the Southeastern Fair Association. This stated that Johnson "was employed by and paid" by the association, "along with about 150 other men."

Worked There In 1934

Johnson worked on the fair grounds in the fall of 1934 for a short period while the Atlanta General Motors plant was shut down during the time production was being switched from 1934 to 1935 models.

Meig's affidavit concluded with the statement:

"L. L. Letteer, who was connected with the Pinkerton Detective Agency in Atlanta, was employed by us as a general supervisor of men working on gates and on the midway, and he had direct charge of all midway ticket takers, gate men and grandstand gate-men."