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Eula McGill describes the difficulties workers had talking about their grievances with management.

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**Jacquelyn Hall**

Now before you went out on strike, did you take your grievances to the manager or try to get anything changed?

**Eula McGill**

No, no.

**Jacquelyn Hall**

There were no negotiations going on back and forth?

**Eula McGill**

No, they wouldn't recognize you; they wouldn't even talk to you.

**Jacquelyn Hall**

Did you try to send a delegation to talk to them at all?

**Eula McGill**

Oh yes, we had a committee. We wouldn't have asked them to negotiate had we not had a majority. But no, there wasn't really nothing in that Section that could give you really any power; there wasn't much teeth in it.

**Jacquelyn Hall**

To enforce it, right. So how did it come about that you went out on strike?

**Eula McGill**

Well, you know, Frank Gorman, president of the United Textile, he got up and just called for a general strike. And hell, everybody come out, non-union as well as union. [laughter] I mean, people began to come out of the mills that hadn't even gotten around to forming a union. It was a massive walk-out.

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