

"Why there was one Syrian boy who was stabbed in the back with a bayonet as he ran from a soldier who had told him to move on."

"Where is that boy?" asked Hardwick.

"He is dead. He was stabbed to death," answered Lipson. "I saw a hole in his back as big as my fist.

"There were many things like. If you were well dressed and met a soldier on the street, he would be all right. But if you looked poor, then even the children were struck and pushed about."

"Have you any hospital record of the people who were injured?" asked Hardwick.

"Our people were afraid to go to the hospitals," said Lipson. "We look on the hospitals of Lawrence the same as we look on the police and soldiers of Lawrence."

"Do you mean to say that American soldiers, wearing American uniforms, and policemen representing an American city, abused people in this way?" asked Hardwick.

"Yes, they did," said Lipson.

"Can you prove that any soldier bayoneted or clubbed women and children?" asked Hardwick.

"We can bring the women and children who were beaten here," he said. "Some of them are here now. They can tell you what was done."

"Are you an American citizen?" Hardwick asked.

"No," said Lipson, and added,

simply, "I took out my first papers. I never have been able to get together the \$4 necessary to take out the others."

Then Lipson was asked to describe the attempts to send children from Lawrence.

"After we bought 40 tickets for the children, they were met by soldiers with fixed bayonets and held up. I saw women clubbed, and thrown, brutally, into patrol wagons. The soldiers trod on little boys and girls.

"Only last Saturday, women were walking down the street, coming from a meeting. The police attacked and clubbed them. One woman, Mrs. Carat, was clubbed about the body so severely that two of her ribs were broken. She had to go to a hospital.

"When I remember these things they make me nervous, and I cannot answer the questions you ask me directly."

When Lipson left the stand, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, took his place. Gompers began by condemning the Industrial Workers of the World, the organization to which most of the Lawrence strikers belong.

"These people," he said, "have been misled into an organization that does not organize, and a leadership that leads no where. Between the unyielding tyranny of the mill owners and the false arguments of those who have led them, these people have been driven to desperation.

"I differ with those who say