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IS CHICAGO TELEPHONE COMPANY VIOLATING THE CHILD LABOR LAW?

*City Telephone Supervisor Ferry Begins Probe After
Citizens Call Attention to Young Girls Working
in Exchanges—Says Automatic 'Phone Co.
Has Violated Franchise With New
'Phone Attachment.*

City Telephone Supervisor Montague Ferry has begun an investigation into the ages of telephone operators employed by the Chicago Telephone Company.

Mr. Ferry has received several letters from citizens of Chicago calling attention to the young children seen trudging to and from the various telephone exchanges. Acting on this information he has started his investigators to work.

The child labor law allows a girl fourteen years old to work eight hours a day. These eight hours must be put in between seven in the morning and seven in the evening.

Some of the letters indicate that young girls are doing night work. If this is discovered true the Illinois state factory inspector, Oscar F. Nelson, will immediately start in on the telephone magnates.

This is about the first time an investigation of the Chicago Telephone Company has been started. A probe was promised when the company was sending carloads of girls to Boston and St. Louis to act as strikebreakers during the trouble between the operators and the bosses in those cities.

This is not the only thing Ferry has found, wrong with the present telephone situation. More proof of the slipshod manner in which the Illinois Tunnel Company has been