Uprising of '34/Honea Path/Atkins/Tape 06-

Honea Path, South Carolina, August 18, 1991

BEGIN INTO TAPE 06

SHOOTING A SCENE WITH BIRD SOUNDS, TRAFFIC

THIS IS A DESOLATE BACKGROUND IN HONEA PATH, SOUTH CAROLINA. THE PREVIOUS SHOT WAS THE GRAVEYARD IN HONEA PATH, SOUTH CAROLINA. THIS IS ANOTHER DESOLATE SHOT IN HONEA PATH, SOUTH CAROLINA. HOPE THAT WAS LONG ENOUGH, JUDY. MORE OF SOME WINDSOUND. (TRANSCRIBER’S NOTE: AM FAST-FORWARDING HERE TO LOOK FOR INTERVIEW MATERIAL.)

OS: Okay. Mr. Atkins, could you tell me about -- just tell me your name and where you were born and how you grew up on the farm.

ATKINS (A): I'm born 19-and-4, June the 25th at Wild Hog community on the other side of Sandy Springs, next to Fort Mandan. Stayed there 15 years, moved to Honea Path, 2 miles below Honea Path, stayed there a year and then moved to Honea Path up here at this brick house, stayed there till '28 and I got married. And I've been here, on the mill here, ever since.

OS: When did you start working in the mill and how old were you when you did?

A: I went to work in the mill when I was an 22.

OS: And what did you do?

A: Worked the spinning room, doled warp, fixed.

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Title: Oral history transcript of Jake Gray.
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Title: Oral history transcript of Claude Helton.
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Title: Oral history transcript of Sue Hill.
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always had a lot of corn, but he wouldn’t let us eat the corn. He wanted to pull fodder, but he wouldn’t let us pull fodder, but everything else we suppose we (inaudible), and he said we was his boys, because he didn’t have any boys. So after a while when, uh about... he made good crops for several years, well on until I was... I was 12... I believe I was about 15 years old. Anyway it was in 1926. In 1926, the boll weevils came along. I don’t know how long they’d been around, but that’s the year that they got my daddy’s crop, and also besides the boll weevils, they had a large hail storm that year. So, he’d always said that he didn’t... wouldn’t leave the farm, and particularly didn’t want to go to a cotton mill. That wasn’t his dream. He just dreamed of the farm, because he had at one time owned a real nice farm, and all the cattle and car, a surrey with the fringe on top. He... so, he was pretty well fixed up at one time, and it hurt him real bad when we had to move to the farm, but we had... that year we didn’t make...
with the boss about things like shift assignments and being treated rough by the boss and so forth.

MABEL:
Well that’s, that’s true too but the big companies, the wise companies you know, they set up this system, you can go take, I, I refer back to Burlington cause that’s where I was all these years, you can go plumb to the top man in Greensboro if you take it step by step and, and they, and I have known two or three that have really win over some injustices as I, you just don’t know, you know.

QUESTION:
Primarily we’ve had a lot of women tell us that if it wasn’t for the union, they felt like they didn’t really have anybody, single women, single mothers, if they were worried about well, “Nobody’s gonna look out for me if I’m alone,” and we all know that people do things which are not nice or which are not fair and everybody plays favorites at times and so do you feel that by having the union you’ve got, that can be controlled to some extent or at least somebody else looking out for you?

MABEL:
Well, I never you know, as I say I never was in the union

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