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Storkline Corp. Employes To Vote On Union

JACKSON, Miss., March 19.—(UPI)—A labor leader charged Monday that Gov. Ross Barnett favors the exploitation of workers at Jackson's largest industrial plant.

Claude Ramsay, president of the Mississippi Labor Council, referred to a visit the Governor recently made at the Storkline Corp. cabinet plant. Employes will vote Thursday on whether they will have a union doing their collective bargaining.

Mr. Ramsay said the management's views "of exploiting Mississippi workers are evidently shared by Gov. Ross Barnett. It is true that he was not quoted as saying anything about the organizing efforts when he addressed a captive audience at the plant March 13. Nevertheless, the implication was there and only a fool would believe that he visited the plant on that date without hoping to influence the outcome.

"This is a strange state of affairs when you consider the fact that he made a fortune representing working people before he became Governor," said Mr. Ramsay, referring to Governor Barnett's career as a lawyer.

"We must conclude that he has been taken in by the modern day carpetbaggers."