

Child labor is becoming a growing concern among families, doctors and even the employees themselves. This trial on Child Labor that I have been granted to be a juror in, displayed the problems in Britain due to child labor. Employees of the factories, doctors, writers and even factory owners served as witnesses in this trial. Based on the evidence shown, children were mistreated with dreadful injuries due to the long hours and dangerous working conditions in the factories. These workers were scarred both mentally and physically and this deprived of a normal life which led to a future of disability, and some didn't even see a future at all. With low wages, dangerous working conditions and dreadful injuries, child labor should come to an end. From the evidence displayed and given throughout the child labor trial, I have come to believe that child labor should be abolished in all factories and factory owners Richard Arkwright and Samuel Greg should be charged with abuse and mistreatment of children employed in their factories.

From working long hours, these children were paid poorly and even punished for unnecessary doings. Because families could not earn enough money to support their families, children were forced to work. These children had extremely low wages compared to that of a grown man. Some children even worked for long hours, and even sometimes fifteen hours a day. Elizabeth Bentley, a witness who was an employee at a factory, worked from five in the morning to nine at night. With these long hours, few and short breaks were given. Some employees were only given a forty minute break throughout the whole day. This caused some children to be careless and they were even punished for their actions. The hours should be limited and a lunch brake should be mandatory in all factories. ~~Children were also being over looked for the~~
~~employees of the factories. Elizabeth Bentley was so tired that she had to go to bed~~
~~Due~~ to the low wages given in the factories, many could not afford to buy watches. Without watches, children were unable to take notice of the time while they were working in the factory. Children who were late for work were severely punished. Some even received deductions in their already low wages. Robert Blincoe witnessed several beatings due to punctuality. He even stated that he would never let either of his three children work in a factory due to his horrible and dreadful experience in the factories. After hearing about the low wages, long hours and even beatings from the over lookers, I believe that child labor should be abolished and factory owners should reform the length of work in a day and put an end to all punishments in the factories.

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future. Dr. Samuel Smith-Ward, a doctor at Manchester who was a witness present in the trial, visited a factory himself and was astonished at the hot, humid and unbreathable conditions in the factory. ~~we saw evidence to prove children were not safe in~~ Children are not supposed to be working in these types of conditions. Children should be at school learning for a better future. Although few factories did attach a school house to the factory just as John Fielden, who I respect and give great thanks to, many factories did deprive children from their education. These children had no time for school since they worked such long and restless hours. Child labor should therefore be banned for the sake of a child's future, education and even health.

Working in the unsafe and dangerous factories caused many injuries and even led to mental injuries as well. William Dodd, a factory worker who was a witness at the trial, can not walk straight due to the pressure on his knees from being in the standing position in his long working day at the factory. William had a difficult job at the factory when he started working there at the age of five and even narrated a book about his experiences. Mary Bucktrout, an employee at the factory as well, lost an arm and a finger while working with the unsafe machines in the factories. So many workers lost limbs and body parts from working in the unsafe conditions in the factories which prevented them from continuing a normal life. John Doherty, a witness who worked at the factory, recalls seeing garbage everywhere in the factories. Elizabeth Bentley also recalled the dust and the damp in the factories as well. These horrible working conditions damaged the lungs and the respiratory system as well as causing various breathing problems. The workers were scarred for life, by either remembering their injury everyday from a missing arm or just encountering a friend get beaten due to lateness. It was unbelievable for me as a juror to see all of the dreadful injuries which is why I believe that children should be banned from working in the factories.

I believe that these factory owners, Richard Arkwright and Samuel Greg, are guilty for the mistreatment of children employed in their factories. Many children were deprived of an education due to working for 10-12 hours a day. The conditions in their factories were horrible and many were injured. The punishments on the workers were cruel and short breaks were given to the employees. Children received low wages and the work was hard and the conditions were very dangerous and oftentimes, the children were hurt. This should all come to an end. From the evidence shown throughout the trial, I truly believe that Richard Arkwright and Samuel Greg are guilty for the mistreatment of their employees, and that child labor should be banned