

# Crawford Union

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## Votes to Strike

### Sunday Midnight Contract Deadline

Members of United Furniture Workers of America, (CIO) Local 45, set Sunday midnight as the deadline for contract negotiations to be settled with management of Crawford Furniture Manufacturing Corporation.

Meeting in a special session Wednesday afternoon in Nordic Temple, the 99 members present voted to go out on strike unless some agreement can be reached.

Negotiations have been carried on since early September. Sam Olfano, international representative of the CIO, stated at the meeting that many points have been cleared up, but the stumbling block at present is over a wage increase for the 160 workers at the plant.

Clarence LaMotte, Federal mediator from Buffalo, sat in on several hours of negotiations Monday with the union committee and management officials.

At a meeting on Oct. 23, union members voted to go out on strike two weeks after conciliation entered into the talks, but Mr. Olfano said that "no progress" has been made on the wage issue and the negotiations have reached a deadlock, with no further talks scheduled.

Sandy Scarantino, Local 45 president, was in charge of the Wednesday meeting.