

No Meeting Set By Mediator

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# Deadlock At Sterling Still Is Continuing

Deadlock between opposing factions in the lengthy strike at Jamestown Sterling Corp. continued today as a state mediator failed to schedule a joint meeting after separate talks yesterday with union and management representatives.

Martin Wersing of N.Y.S. Labor Mediation Board met with the union for an hour and one-half and with the company for two and one-half hours. His only comment, following the separate sessions, was "At this point, I have no plans to convene a joint meeting."

James Tillotson III, company president, declined comment today on a report that his company has submitted an offer which it would like employees to vote on. He suggested that Clive L. Wright Jr., representing the furniture firm in the bargaining sessions, be contacted in the matter, but efforts to do so were not successful.

J. Howard Proudman, international representative of United Furniture Workers of America,

said nothing definite resulted from the union's meeting with Mr. Wersing but that the union had expressed its willingness to sit down with company representatives and resume negotiations.

The sessions yesterday marked the 14th time a state mediator met with labor-management representatives in effort to reach an accord in a stalemate which has existed since Oct. 3.

The strike affects 167 former plant employees represented by the U.F.W.A. local.