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On Aug. 18, Adolfo Gott, spokesperson for 35,000 unionized textile industry workers, told reporters that talks with managers of 228 companies were suspended Monday evening. Company owners had reportedly refused to consider raising a 10% pay hike offer. Cotton textile industry workers have been on strike since July 8. (See SourceMex 08/12/92 for most recent coverage of strike.) Unions are now willing to accept a 15% wage hike (down from 40%), and a 4.5% increase in benefits. Roberto Real de la Mora, president of the textile company association, asserted that while "both sides are tired of this conflict..., management cannot increase the wage offer over 10%." According to de la Mora, textile plants have lost US\$500 million since early July. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 08/18/92)

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