

THE POWER OF

Robert Clark

Name:

Local 9-950, District 9

Local Number/USW District #:

Georgia Pacific, operator

Employer, Job Title:

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Paper products including AngelSoft

and Brawny paper towels

Years as USW Member:

What does your local do or make?

Pennington, Alabama

Hometown:

What is unusual about your hometown, place of work or job?

"I work in a pulp mill. We cook wood chips to make the pulp that is used to make paper. The wood comes in as logs and goes through a chipper before it is sent to us in the pulp mill."

What does this year's theme, "The Power of Unity," mean to you? How has your local benefited from putting unity into action?

"Unity is standing together and being a part of something, where everybody is all for the good of the mill and the community."

What issues will be important when your local's contract expires?

"Health care. That's the top issue. It's huge. It's what everybody is concerned about."

What's your favorite alternative fact?

"Donald Trump is a friend of workers. When was the last time a billionaire helped us?"

Who would you prefer to have dinner with: Sean Spicer, Betty White, Vladimir Putin, Drake, or Céline Dion? Why?

"Celine Dion, I guess, because she's a singer. Why not?"

What's the best thing about the convention so far?

"Hearing stories of the fights and struggles of our brothers and sisters out there. If you get complacent, it's good to remember where we came from and what the union stands for. There are some really bad companies out there that treat people like crap."

What things do you hope to do while you're here?

"To make my union stronger."

What in this convention will you put to work when you return home?

"Drive the theme of unity home in my union hall, my local. If we don't stand together, we will fall."

