

Script from Middleton Film Excerpt

- Jim Treadway:** You can operate it by yourself, Bud.
- Bud:** Thanks.
- Jim:** [Provides instructions to operate the electric train]
- Nicholas Makaroff:** Does your company make any really large equipment, Mr. Treadway?
- Jim:** Yes they do. Some so big it has to be shipped piece by piece. For example, an electric furnace we made for a large motor company is 330 feet long.
- Nicholas:** I thought so. Those are the kind of machines that displace men.
- Jim:** Mass marketing industries don't modernize to save jobs, Mr. Makaroff. Their aim is to increase production. That's how employment is created – the only way, in fact.
- Nicholas:** General statements don't mean much to me, Mr. Treadway.
- Jim:** All right, facts then. I know of one year these people spent nine millions for what you call labor saving machinery. That same year, they increased their payroll by 40,000 men and 88 million dollars.
- Bud:** Funny how a guy with facts can break up an argument. [Bud hands Nicholas an exploding match. No one seems to care that a kid that young carries matches.]
- Nicholas:** I suppose you think that's funny!
- Bud:** Oh, so you can't take it, huh?
- Babs:** Don't you think should look out for the folks? It must be nearly time for lunch.
- Nicholas:** Yes, I guess you're right. They'll probably be looking for us. Come on Bud.
- Babs:** Nick, please be careful during lunch. Dad looks on things the same way Jim does and he might take you seriously.
- Nicholas:** But I am serious.
- Babs:** I know but promise me that you won't start an argument.
- Nicholas:** All right, if you say so, but I won't enjoy myself.