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HERRIN, Mo. - First it was their jobs they lost at the end of last year. Now some former workers at the Maytag plant in Herrin, Illinois want to know where their retirement packages are that the company promised to them.

"I haven't got any of my retirement yet. I can't get and satisfaction when I call them on the phone. They're all the way in Michigan. So there's nothing you can do," says Fred Jarvis of Du Quoin.

Jarvis is just one of hundreds of former employees who are still trying to find work. But, having to deal with his former employer is making life a lot more difficult.

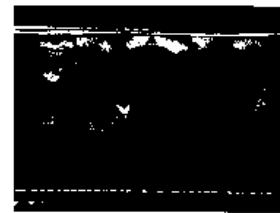
"Whenever you call them up and they hear you're from the Herrin plant, they know it's already closed. Then it's just not a top priority on their list," Jarvis said.

Some of the former workers are owed tens of thousands of dollars in their retirement packages. Along with the six months of medical coverage they were promised.

"And promised, I'm trying to be one of those ones that will not let it get me down. I'll keep on calling and calling. But, as far as making myself sick over it, I'm not going to do it," says John Hindman who worked at the Maytag plant for 28 years.

Now he feels like he's caught in the shuffle along with the rest of the former employees.

"It's something that you wouldn't expect, something that we all did not expect. I put my time in, yeah we've been misplaced big time."



Former Maytag employee Fred Jarvis



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