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Cartoon from the Daily Mirror commenting on strikes, 31 August 1918

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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about how workers were affected by the war and how they contributed to the war effort. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- According to the cartoon, what strikes and boycotts took place in 1918?
- Do you think these strikes and boycotts actually took place, or is the cartoonist simply making a joke about the situation in 1918?
- Does this source provide convincing evidence that there were a lot of strikes in 1918?
- How could an historian check this view, and check whether it was also true for 1914-17?
- Do any other sources in this case study support the view that there were a lot of strikes during the war?

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