

RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION

Jack
worked at a snail's pace
throughout the shift when he wasn't
at the vending machines or some other machinist's
machine
bullshitting with other machinists for 15 or 30
minutes at a time.
Except when Goodstone Aircraft Company supervisors
said something to him about not accomplishing enough.
Then
he stomped around his machine fuming and saying,
"They PISSED me off!
"They've PISSED me off NOW!" to any machinist who cared
to listen as
he proceeded to do absolutely nothing
for the rest of the day.

That would teach them
to insult someone with as much pride
as he had.

PHOBIA

Supervisors
have many ways of letting a machinist know
that they are displeased they
twitch and jerk their shoulders about inside their coats
and rattle their keys angrily in their pants pockets
and pace back and forth red-faced
with lowered brows or huffing and puffing cheeks
or ball their fists up in their pants pockets
and pump themselves up and down on the balls of their
feet
like they want to hit a machinists they
glare and frown and jab their fingers in the air
frantically to make sure
that the thing they fear the most in all the world
does not happen:

a machinist feeling that he is doing a good job.