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1. The Productora de Algodon (Sindicato Fabricantes de Hilados y Tejidos Algodoneros), Huerfanos 1147, Oficina 701, Santiago, Chile, is an organization formed jointly by the cotton textile mills in Santiago, and financed jointly by them, in an effort to establish a commercial production of cotton in Chile. The organization of Productora de Algodon consists of Sr Emilio Garcia and one stenographer.
2. The only zone in Chile suitable for cotton growing is that extreme northern section in the Llura and Q de Azapa valleys. They are thinking about planting some cotton at Ovalle, just north of Santiago, but nobody has any hopes that cotton will grow there.
3. Where the altitude and climate are suitable for cotton, there's no water; where they have water, the altitude and climate are unsuitable.
4. Altogether, this year [1953], they will probably not grow 500 bales in all Chile, and to gin this, they have borrowed and used an old 70-saw gin of unknown make from Tacna, Peru.

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