Saunders was a hobo, riverman and jack-of-all-trades who joined the Industrial Workers of the World before 1920 and later became an ardent member of the Socialist Party. He roamed all over America before World War I. Late in life, he began his autobiography and filled six notebooks with his experiences, describing his many jobs, the living conditions in hobo camps, and his efforts at recruiting members for the Socialist Party in the Midwest.

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