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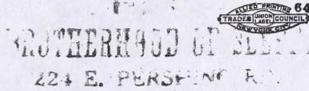
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June 11, 1928

Mr. Dad Moore
519 Wood St.
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Dad:

Just a word of explanation on the postponement of the strike. It was done as a matter of strategy in the interest of all the men in the organization. The United States Mediation Board turned us down cold and their decision was so abrupt that it convinced us that we could expect no further co-operation from that body. It meant that after the United States Mediation Board ruled that 6013 bona fide Pullman porters could not create an emergency-- that is, threaten the interruption of interstate commerce to a degree that would deprive any section of the country of this essential service, it is almost certain that if we actually interrupted interstate commerce and did deprive the country of this essential service, they would have assumed a "Hands off" policy which would have meant that we would have been face to face with the millions of dollars of the Pullman Company, which would have been not the wisest thing for us to have done, and as Mr. Green, President of the American Federation of Labor advised, we would be playing directly into the hands of the Pullman Company. That is the thing they expected to do as one superintendent remarked, he was so sorry we did not do it. Had we walked into that trap, the organization would have been severely crippled, and as it is, the machinery of the organization is intact and the enthusiasm of the men is higher than it has ever been since our beginning and we feel that we have acted in the best interest of the men and hope that the membership will appreciate that situation.

An immediate program is in the making and will be announced from headquarters at a very early date. Chicago men are still 100 per cent. A few nights ago fully four hundred men crowded into the hall. I had to stand upon a chair in order to talk. I explained the situation to them and every man held up his right hand and swore allegiance to the Brotherhood and the continuance of the vigorous fight. Our dues income jumped up by leaps and bounds. Sixteen new members joined the organization this week, and the highest spirit has been manifested on the part of the men here and from information that I get from other territories, I am under the impression that the same condition exist everywhere.

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More wages; better hours; better working conditions; pay for overtime; pay for "preparation" time; abolition of "doubling out," conductor's pay for conductor's work when in charge and manhood rights.

Oakland Calif.

Jan. 23, 1928

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To the Brother^{hood} of Sleeping Car Porter
of the San Francisco.

Greeting:

During to the illness of
our Bro. Sect. D. J. Jones. We feel that
he is much need of a rest. And our
giving him a 20 day leaf of absence from
his secretary duties. And Bro. Sect. J. L.
Bellumns will resume all duties in
the local office. Such as collect dues,
assessment & ect. Hoping that our sect.
will soon be able to resume his duties

Sincerely,

Chas H. Peter. C. A.
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February 28, 1928.

Dear Brotheren:

This is to notify you that Mr. D. J. Jones is no longer connected with the Brotherhood. Mr. C. L. Dellums is the Sec.-Treas. The Brotherhood is not able to pay him anything near a living salary at this time, yet we must have a Secretary-Treasurer. Therefore the extra 50¢ must be continued until we can do better. Please pay yours and do your part by helping to encourage others to pay theirs for if you realize that a winner never quits and a quitter never wins, we can not loose. Cooperation and money is all the Brotherhood needs now. Forward to victory. A better day is near.

Fraternally yours,

Local Organizing Advisory Committee.

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