

Staff Series

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NOTE

Leaving Dallas Sunday p.m., August 23rd, for meeting with all Texas Local Unions in Texas and Louisiana having jurisdiction over Red Arrow Freight Line Drivers. We will meet with the Management Monday and possibly Tuesday. This is the company sponsoring the Company Union here in Texas.

Stopping Hotel Sam Houston, Houston, Texas.

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**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF
TEAMSTERS CHAUFFEURS WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS
OF AMERICA**

AFFILIATED WITH THE
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

Dallas, Texas
August 25, 1942

Mr. Thomas E. Flynn, Acting President
I. B. of T., C., W. & H. of America
222 East Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother:

Reporting to you with reference to conference attended by Brother Derden of Fort Worth, Brother Rogers of Dallas, Brother Pendergast of Houston, Brother Alexander of San Antonio, Brother Frank Prohl and myself with reference to the meeting with the management of the Red Arrow Freight Lines and their legal representative pertaining to the company union of the above mentioned truck company.

The management of the Company claims that they have a contract which does not expire until June, 1943 and they believe that they are bound by this contract and the company union until the expiration of the agreement.

We did not discuss the present Southwest Over-the-Road Motor Freight Agreement with the company due to the fact that we were not sure whether or not the Labor Board would allow an election if we requested the company be placed under our standard agreement.

It is very evident that the Independent Union is company dominated and we are so advising the Labor Board at Fort Worth, Texas through our legal advisor of Houston, Texas. Mr. Combs, the attorney for the Teamsters movement in Houston, advised us that it would be a long, drawn-out affair if the company union and the management of the Red Arrow Freight Lines did not agree to a consent election. He also advised us that he believed that it would be necessary for us to file charges through the Labor Board and definitely prove that the union was company dominated, which has been proven some two or three years previous in other court cases in the State of Texas

Thomas E. Flynn

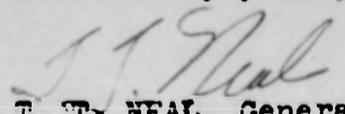
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We have a large majority of the employees of the truck line signed on authorizations, but since signing these authorizations, the president of the company union has secured a petition trying to off-set these authorizations through the employees of the above mentioned company. Many drivers have advised us that this petition was signed through pressure placed upon them by the President of the company union, who we understand is an official of the Red Arrow Freight Lines.

Mr. Combs, the legal representative for the Teamsters in Houston, Texas, will be in Fort Worth on Wednesday of next week at which time we anticipate filing charges through the Labor Board and I will report to you further pertaining to this matter after the conference with the Labor Board and Mr. Combs.

Fraternally yours,


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