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**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
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TEAMSTERS-CHAUFFEURS-STABLEMEN & HELPERS
OF AMERICA**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

May 24, 1939

Mr. John Gillespie, Acting President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
222 East Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother:

Several months ago I wrote to you advising that the members of Local Union 841 of Springdale, Arkansas were endeavoring to use their charter to protect the Jones Truck Line of that city in operating into Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma under a scab wage scale. You instructed them that they would have to go along with the Area Contract. Later a committee from this Local called on you at Indianapolis, and you then instructed me to meet with them and listen to their story.

T. T. Neal and I met a committee from this local, headed by Roy Lowe who was then Business Agent. At the end of the discussion they agreed with us that our position was correct, and Lowe stated that he would inform Mr. Jones that Local 841 would support us in our demand that the Jones Truck Line sign the Area Contract.

Shortly thereafter Lowe was removed as Business Agent of Local 841 and has now been replaced by an individual whom I do not know, but who is supporting Jones in his demand that he be permitted to operate on the highways under his scab wage scale. Ernest Bagby who preceded Lowe as Business Agent of Local 841 left that position to become an agent for the Jones Truck Line, after he too had been convinced that the Local Union should go along with us. In other words, if the business agent of the Local Union does not support Jones, he is either bought off or forced out.

We have been endeavoring for months to get this matter straightened out through cooperation from Local 841 and have been entirely unsuccessful. The conditions under which the Jones Truck Line are operating are seriously jeopardizing our relations with other companies who have signed the Area Contract and are operating *over* the same *trade* routes.

Saturday, May 20th, at a conference in Kansas City of representatives from our Over-the-Road Local Unions in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Fort Smith, Arkansas it was



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unanimously decided that we must take strike action immediately without waiting further on Local 341. I wired you to that effect on that date. The freight operation of this Company is now completely shut down. However, they are still hauling meat out of the Cudahy and Armour plants in Kansas City with members of Local 341 driving the trucks under police protection. Local 341 could not find time to send representatives to our conference in Kansas City on May 19 and 20. However, as soon as we tied up the Jones Truck Line the new Business Agent and a committee of the officers rushed to Kansas City to jump on Neal about our action.

I urgently recommend that you revoke the charter of Local 341 of Springdale, Arkansas and permit us to fight it out to a finish with the Jones Truck Line.

Fraternally yours,

Farrell Dobbs

Farrell Dobbs,
General Organizer
1222 Harney St.
Omaha, Nebraska

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July 28, 1932

MR. GILLESPIE:

We have today appointed DENNIS L. LEWIS Trustee over the affairs of Local Union 841, Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, of Springdale, Arkansas.

THOMAS. P. FLYNN