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Mr. T. L. Hughes,
222 E. Michigan St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

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Report of Local No. 180, Providence, R.I.
February 5, 1927.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Books presented for audit by Secretary L. A. Grace, consisted of Minute Book, only, with names of members paying dues; this book being written up for years of 1924, 1925 and 1926, after Secretary Grace received my notice of arrival.

The books of Local No. 180, not having been audited since July 1, 1912, I inquired of Secretary Grace where the books and records of the union were from 1912 to 1920.

He informed me they had been destroyed and gave his excuse for this by saying, that the Auditor had been in the New England district on three different occasions since 1912, and had not made any effort to visit Providence and audit the books that it was no use to keep same.

These books and records were for the period of 1912 to the last strike they had a few years ago. I asked for the books and records of Local No. 180 from 1920 to present date, and he advised they had been destroyed by orders of his attorney. I mentioned the fact that it was not necessary to destroy, at least, the Day Books and Ledgers, because these could contain nothing sufficient to cause their being disposed of.

In my opinion there was no reason for disposing of any of the records, and I so informed him, but his answer was that they had been destroyed and nothing could be done about it. There are seven (7) members paying dues, one of these being Secretary Grace, who is not working at the craft and should be granted a withdrawal card.

I believe the local union is not functioning properly and is absolutely useless as far as the craft is concerned in Providence and that an effort be made to either re-organize the union or suspend their charter and endeavor to start another organization of General Teamsters in that city.

Fraternally yours,

Edward H. Meyer
Auditor