

Harding Addresses Congress on Strikes

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 However, had a decision challenged by a carrier been brought to the attention of the Department of Justice and this decision was promptly carried to the courts and has recently been sustained in the federal court of appeals. The public or the executive had no knowledge of the ignored decisions in other cases because they did not hinder transportation. When these failures of many of the carriers to abide by decisions of the board were brought to my attention I could more fairly appraise the feelings of the strikers, though they had a remedy without seeking to paralyze interstate commerce.

"Law Inadequate."
 The law creating the railroad board is inadequate. Contrary to popular impression, it has little or no power to enforce its decisions. It can impose no penalties on either party disregarding its decisions. It cannot halt a strike, and manifestly congress deliberately omitted the enactment of compulsory arbitration. The decisions of the board must be made enforceable and effective against carriers and employees alike. But the law as now written, in effect, it is by congress at this moment could be helpful in the present threatened paralysis of transportation.

Happily it is always lawful and oftentimes possible to settle disputes outside of court; so, in a desire to serve public welfare, I venture upon an attempt at mediation. Those who had preceded me in attempted settlements had made some progress. I submitted to the officials of the striking employees and the chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, in writing, on the same day, a tentative proposal for settlement. Knowing that some of the carriers had offended by ignoring the decisions of the board, and the employees had struck when they had a remedy without all over again, resume work with all agreeing to abide faithfully by the board's decisions, thus to make it a real tribunal of peace in transportation.

Question of Seniority.
 The barrier to be surmounted was the question of seniority. By the workmen these rights are held to be sacred, and unsundered by a strike. By the carriers the preservation of seniority is the weapon of discipline on the one hand and the reward of faithful employees on the other. It has been an almost invariable rule that when strikes have been lost seniority and its advantages have been surrendered; when strikes have been settled, seniority has been restored.

In the tentative proposals which I sponsored it was provided that everybody should go to work with seniority rights unimpaired, that there should be no discrimination by either workmen or carriers against workmen who did or did not strike. I realized that the proposal must carry a disappointment to employees who had inherited promotion by staying loyal on the job and to such new men as had sought jobs looking to permanent employment; but I wanted the fresh start and maintained transportation service and I appraised the disappointment of the few to be less important than the impending misfortune to the nation. It was not what I would ask ordinarily to be considered or conceded, but at that moment of great anxiety, with the coal shortage gravely menacing, I was thinking of the pressing demands of the welfare of the whole people. I believed the sacrifice brought to the men involved could be amply compensated for by the carriers in practical ways.

Of Transcendent Importance.
 I believed the matter of transcendent importance was the acceptance of the proposal to respect the labor board's decisions on the questions which formed the issue at the time of the strike. The public compensation would be complete in guarding by law against recurrence. The proposal was rejected by the carriers. Though the rejection did not end all negotiation, it left the government only one course to call the striking workmen to return to work, to call the carriers to assign them to work, and leave the dispute about seniority to the labor board for decision. When negotiations or

mediation fails, this is the course contemplated by the law and the government can have no chart for its course except the law.
 Favorable Response.
 To this call a majority of the carriers responded favorably, proposing to re-employ all strikers except those guilty of violence against workmen or property, to restore the striking workmen to their old positions where vacant, or to like positions where vacancies were filled; questions of seniority which cannot be settled between the employer and the employees to go to the labor board for decision. The minority of the carriers proposed to assign jobs to

workmen on strike only where the positions were vacant. Neither proposal has been accepted. Thus the narrative brings us to the present moment, but it has not included the developments which have heightened the government's concern. Sympathetic strikes have developed here and there, seriously impairing interstate commerce.
 Deserted trains, continental trains in the desert region of the southwest have revealed the cruelty and contempt for law on the part of some railway employees who have conspired to paralyze transportation; and lawlessness and violence in a hundred places have revealed the

failure of the striking unions to hold their forces to law observance. Men who refused to strike and who have braved insult and assault and risked their lives to serve public need have been cruelly attacked and wounded or killed. Men seeking work and guards attempting to protect lives and property, even officers of the federal government, have been assaulted, humiliated and hindered in their duties. Strikers have armed themselves and gathered in mobs about railroad shops to offer armed violence to any man attempting to go to work. There is a state of lawlessness shocking to every conception of American law and order and

violating the cherished guaranties of American freedom.
 At no time has the federal government been unready or unwilling to give its support to maintain law and order and restrain violence, but in no case has state authority commensurate with the gravity of the situation, and asked for federal assistance.
 Under these conditions of hindrance and intimidation there has been such a lack of care of motive power that the deterioration of locomotives and the noncompliance with the safety requirements of the law are threatening the breakdown of transportation. This very serious

message is magnified by the millions of losses to fruit growers and other producers of perishable foodstuffs and comparable losses to farmers who depend on transportation to market their grains at harvest time. Even worse, it is hindering the transport of available coal when industry is on the verge of paralysis because of a coal shortage, and life and health are menaced by a coal famine in the great centers of population. Surely the threatening conditions must impress the congress and the country that no body of men, whether limited in numbers and responsibility for railway management or powerful in

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