

STRIKING SHOPMEN OF I. C. AND HARRIMAN LINES TAKE NEW STEP IN RELIEF CAMPAIGN

The following letter, sent to union men throughout the city by M. E. Murray, financial secretary of the system federation of shopmen on strike on the I. C. railroad, is a step in the campaign for the relief of the strikers' families, and to aid the men in the prosecution of the strike.

The Chicago Federation of Labor, at its meeting yesterday, put the plea of Mr. Murray to that body in the hands of the executive committee, with instructions to devise ways and means to raise money for the strikers' benefit.

To Whom It May Concern,

Dear Friend:—

The System Federation of Railway Shop Employes of the Illinois Central Railroad and Harriman lines are now on strike for justice and fair play, standing for the principle of true Americanism as incorporated in our Constitution for which our forefathers fought and bled.

The principle at stake at this time is the right to select the men of our choice to represent us before the present management of these corporations. These corporations we have served from 5 to 50 years and helped to make them what they are today. During all those years and under past management we were not refused that right and were always able to settle any dispute satisfactorily to all concerned. But the present management refused to concede us this right and by their refusal forced their 38,000 shop

employes to stop work until such time as these officials decide to meet with the Committee of our choice.

In making this stand for justice and right, we are confronted with a prolonged and stubborn fight, which in time will bring hardships and misery on us and our families. These same conditions confronted the fathers of the Revolution, but with grim determination they bore them and won for us this glorious Republic. We are fighting with this same determination and will win.

The purpose of this is to inform you, in a brief way, the cause of the present strike. The facts never given to you through the public press on account of the press being muzzled against us and the public has been kept in the dark as to the true state of affairs.

All we are asking of you, dear friend, is your sympathy, moral, and what little financial support you can extend us in this fight, without creating a hardship on yourself and those depending on you, which will be heartily appreciated by all concerned.

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A gorgeous welcome to King George in India. But millions of natives didn't attend. They were too busy starving.