

# Railroaders Hit Again by 'Labor' Board

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The U. S. Railroad Labor Board has just handed down a decision restoring the eight hour day, with time and one-half pay for overtime, to 15,000 members of the Signalmen's Union.

The workers demanded increases in wages but these were denied by the Board. The three railroad representatives voted against the decision.

One labor member, A. O. Wharton, did not vote for it, but filed a dissenting opinion in which he maintained increased living costs called for higher wages.

How the capitalist interests generally look upon this decision is shown by the notorious Chicago Tribune, valiant champion of reaction. This paper says frankly that the restoration of the eight hour day was as "a reward to the Signalmen for their refusal to join the shopmen's strike last summer."

It expresses the hope that similar action will be taken in the case of the Maintenance of Way and the Clerks. All over the country at the present time substantial bonuses are being handed out by the railroad companies to those individuals who betrayed their fellow workers by refusing to strike.

Can it be that they are going to pass around a few of these bonuses to the organizations whose officials betrayed the shopmen much more dastardly than did the men who actually scabbed?

For many years past William G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, has been a curse to the organized railroad workers. Movement after movement among them for better conditions he has wrecked with his reactionary conduct. To tell the story of his treason would be to recite the principal causes of all these defeats of railroad men. He has been a faithful representative of the companies.

But at last it seems that we are to be rid of him. Among those who know what's going on, it has long been an open secret that Lee was slated for a good job by the companies when his period of usefulness to them in the union had passed. That point is just about reached. He has nearly run his course.

At the last convention of the B. of R. T. he was elected by only four votes, and opposition against him is constantly growing. He dare not face another convention, so it is up to his masters to give him his reward now.

Hence, the timely announcement that he has accepted the presidency of the Steigelmeyer Manufacturing Company, a \$10,000,000 corporation to manufacture automatic train control devices. No doubt Mr. Lee will prosper well in his new venture, with the support of the companies. Like his predecessor, Morrissey, he will get his Judas' silver. Good riddance to him, say we.