

Scans of cartoons relating to the efforts to organize Pullman Porters

Made from the 1969 Negro University Press reprint of issues of "The Messenger"

These one page cartoons are from "The Messenger" in the years 1925 (first three cartoons), 1926 (18 cartoons) and 1927

I made these scans using 1200 dpi resolution, single bit BW (bi-tonal) mode

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Guide to dates of the issues these cartoons appeared in, by page number:

Cartoons are in this file in order of their appearance in the magazine, with the earliest appearing cartoon being the first. Each one has page numbers, which below are correlated to given issues of The Messenger. The first such cartoon appears in September of 1925. No more Pullman Porter Brotherhood support cartoons appear in The Messenger after May 1927.

1925:

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December 380, 382

1926:

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April 115
May 153
June 184
July 219, 222
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December 358

1927:

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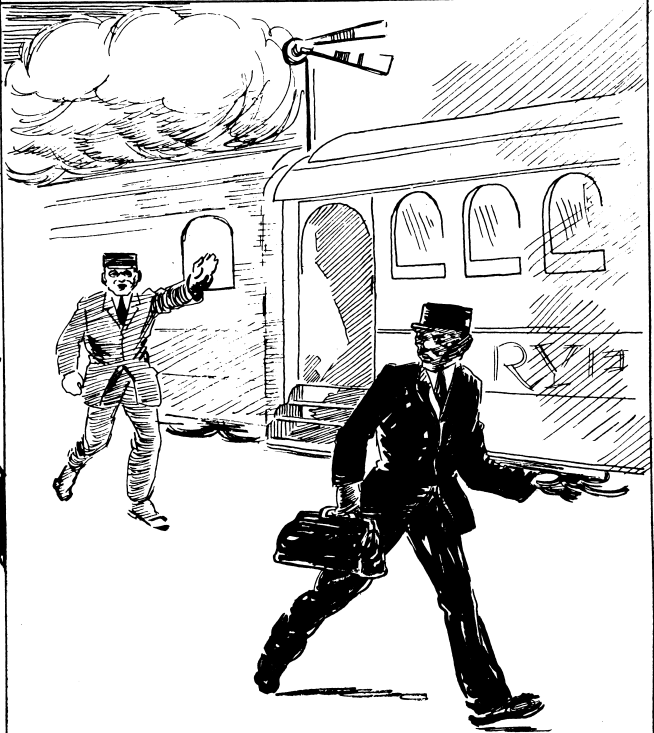
TED CARROLL



Old Company Official: NOW YOU ALL JEST
 QUIT DAT TALK—FIRST THING YOU'LL
 MAKE DE WHITE FOLKS MAD, WHY'N'T
 YOU LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.



Organized R.R. Workers:
 "WELCOME—BROTHER! WE ARE WITH YOU—
 STAND TOGETHER—YOU SHOULD
 HAVE BEEN UNIONIZED LONG AGO."

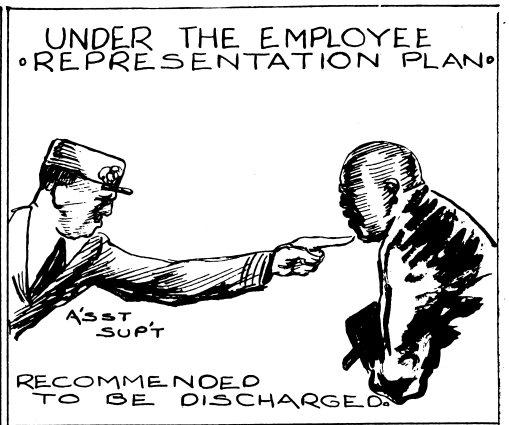


Dist Supt: HEY—HANG AROUND—YOU
 HAVE TO DOUBLE BACK.
 PORTER: I'VE HAD NO SLEEP FOR
 THREE NIGHTS—AM NEARLY STARVED—
 AND I HAVE TO WASH UP.



"C'MON NOW- LETS GIVE THOSE PORTERS A GOOD SCARE."

THE FILIPINO SCARECROW.
 PORTERS— HA, HA, WHAT DO YOU THINK WE ARE UNCLE TOM DUMBELLS? THROW THAT THING AWAY. WE ARE REAL RED- BLOODED MEN WHO REALIZE THAT OUR SALVATION LIES IN ORGANIZATION



UNDER THE EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION PLAN

RECOMMENDED TO BE DISCHARGED.



JUDGE, JURY & PROSECUTION.



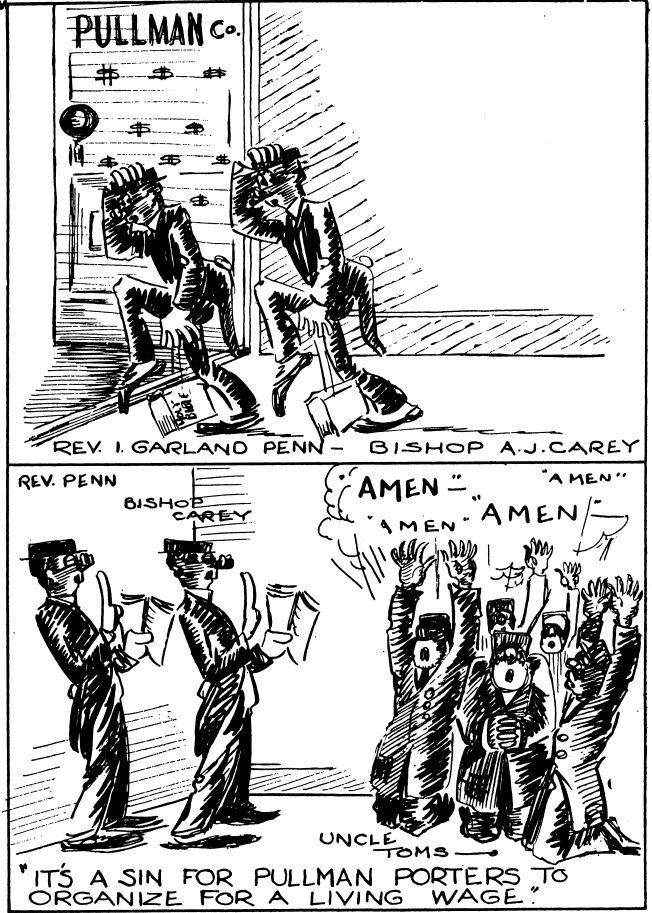
SORRY, BUT THIS BOARD IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO HEAR THE COMPLAINTS OF INDIVIDUALS. GO BACK AND ORGANIZE AND WE WILL GLADLY GIVE YOU A HEARING.



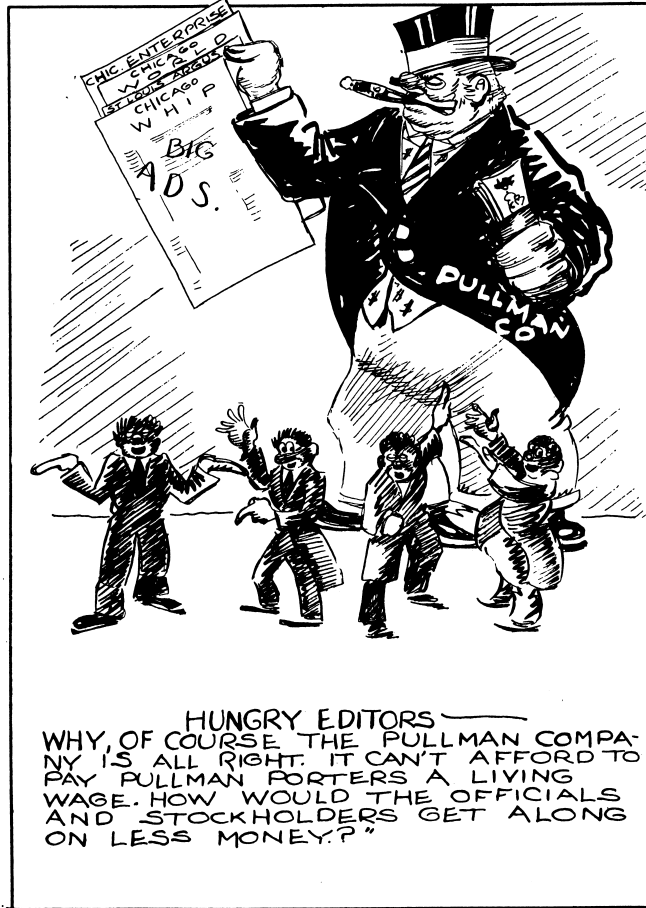
"TOO BAD, BUT THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE HAS NO TIME TO LISTEN TO EVIDENCE."



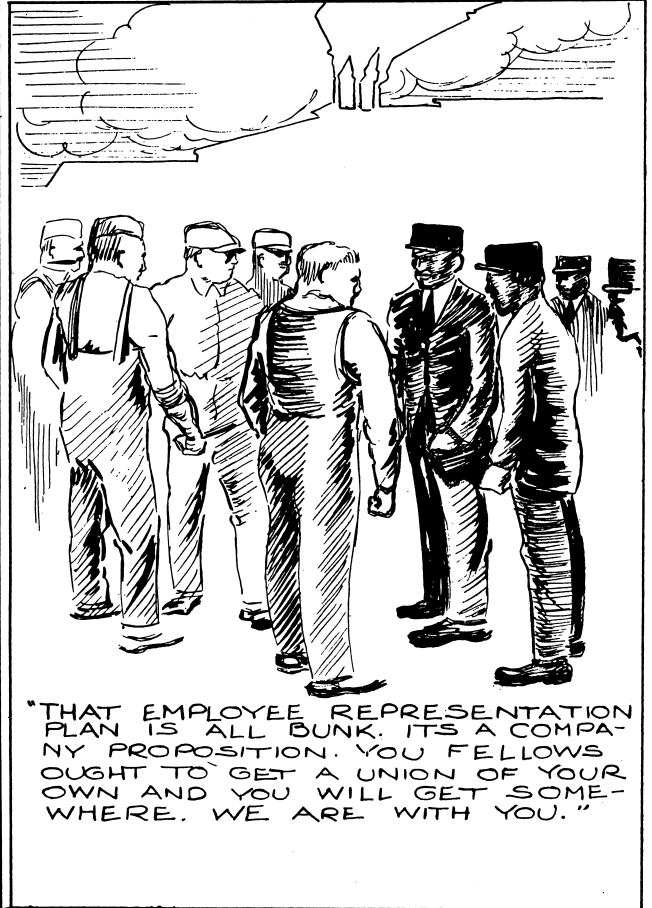
THE WILSON-SIMMONS-BIBB-&HOWARD CHORUS—
 "PULLMAN PORTERS— DON'T ORGANIZE—
 YOU'RE GETTING ENOUGH MONEY— WE 'RE
 SATISFIED— YOU SHOULD WORRY."



"IT'S A SIN FOR PULLMAN PORTERS TO
 ORGANIZE FOR A LIVING WAGE."



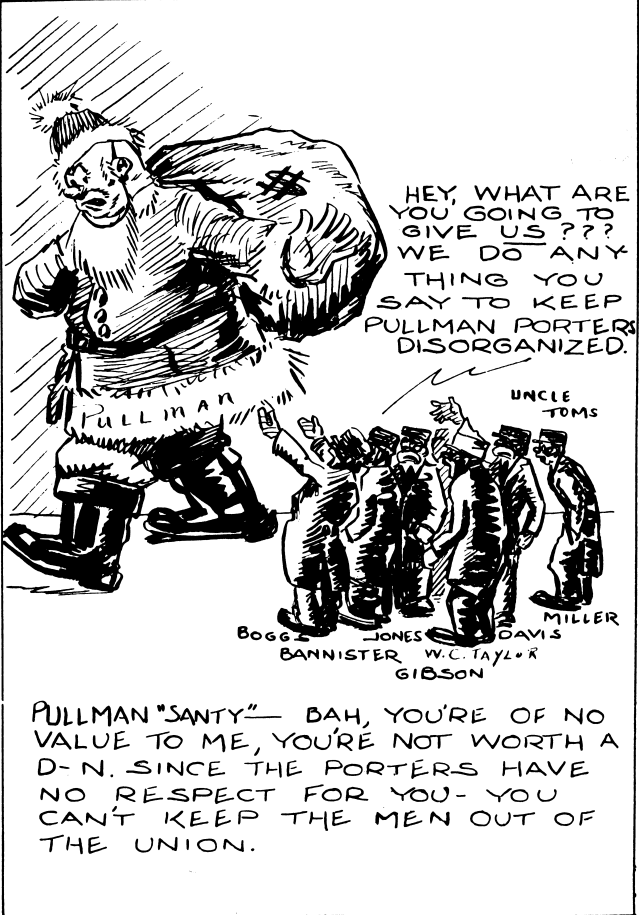
HUNGRY EDITORS—
 WHY, OF COURSE THE PULLMAN COMPAN-
 NY IS ALL RIGHT. IT CAN'T AFFORD TO
 PAY PULLMAN PORTERS A LIVING
 WAGE. HOW WOULD THE OFFICIALS
 AND STOCKHOLDERS GET ALONG
 ON LESS MONEY?"



"THAT EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION
 PLAN IS ALL BUNK. ITS A COMPAN-
 Y PROPOSITION. YOU FELLOWS
 OUGHT TO GET A UNION OF YOUR
 OWN AND YOU WILL GET SOME-
 WHERE. WE ARE WITH YOU."



HOORAY!
HOORAY!
SANTY'S
DONE COME!



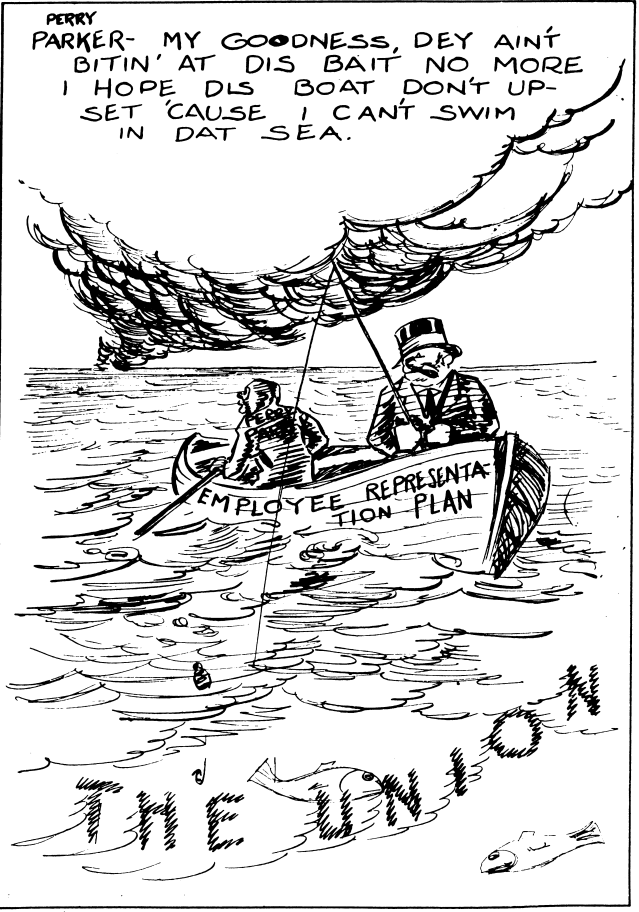
HEY, WHAT ARE
YOU GOING TO
GIVE US ???
WE DO ANY
THING YOU
SAY TO KEEP
PULLMAN PORTERS
DISORGANIZED.

PULLMAN "SANTY"— BAH, YOU'RE OF NO
VALUE TO ME, YOU'RE NOT WORTH A
D-N. SINCE THE PORTERS HAVE
NO RESPECT FOR YOU- YOU
CAN'T KEEP THE MEN OUT OF
THE UNION.



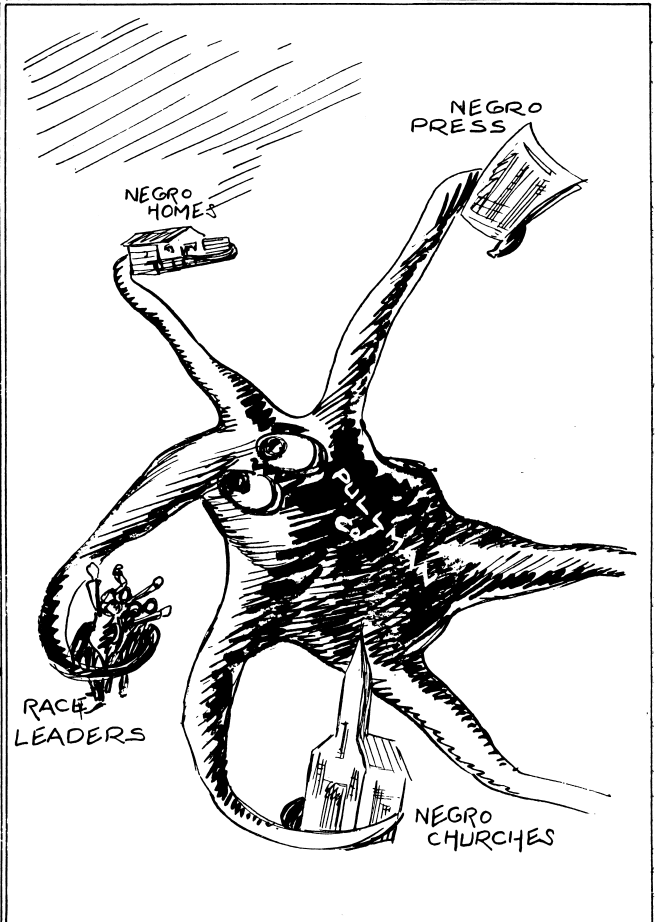
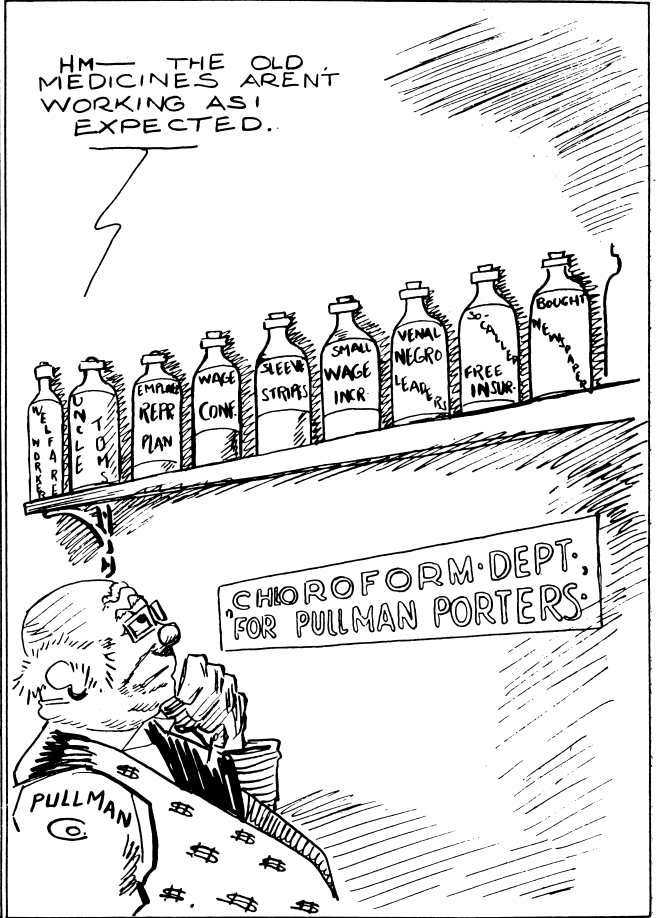
TAKE THIS MONEY AND GET YOUR RACE
LEADERS IN CONFERENCE IN WASH. D.C.—
SUPPOSEDLY TO FIGHT
SEGREGATION BUT
ACTUALLY TO CONDEMN
THE PORTER'S ORGA-
NIZATION MOVEMENT.
THIS WILL TAKE CARE
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HOTEL BILLS, A BIG
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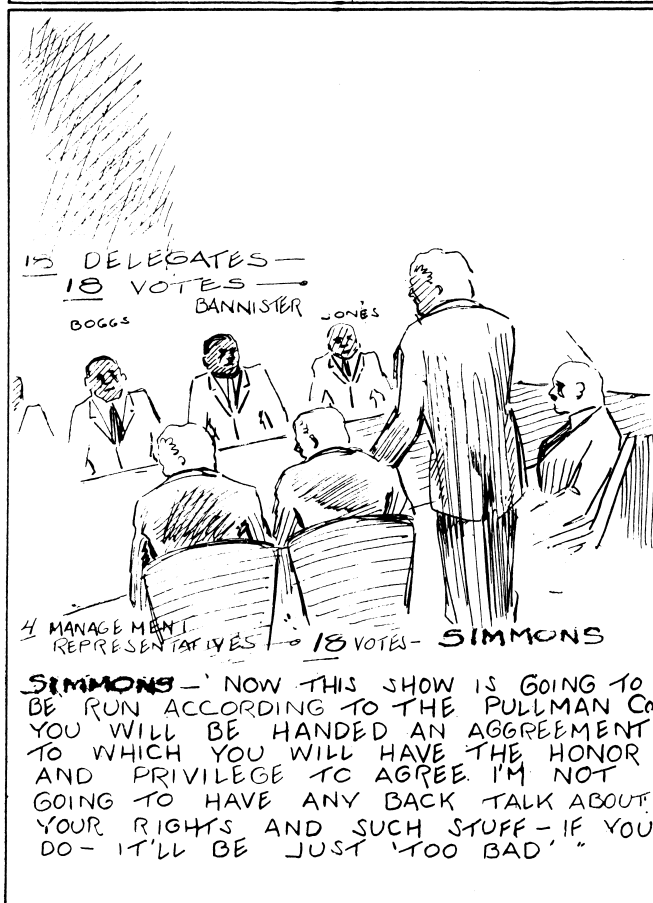
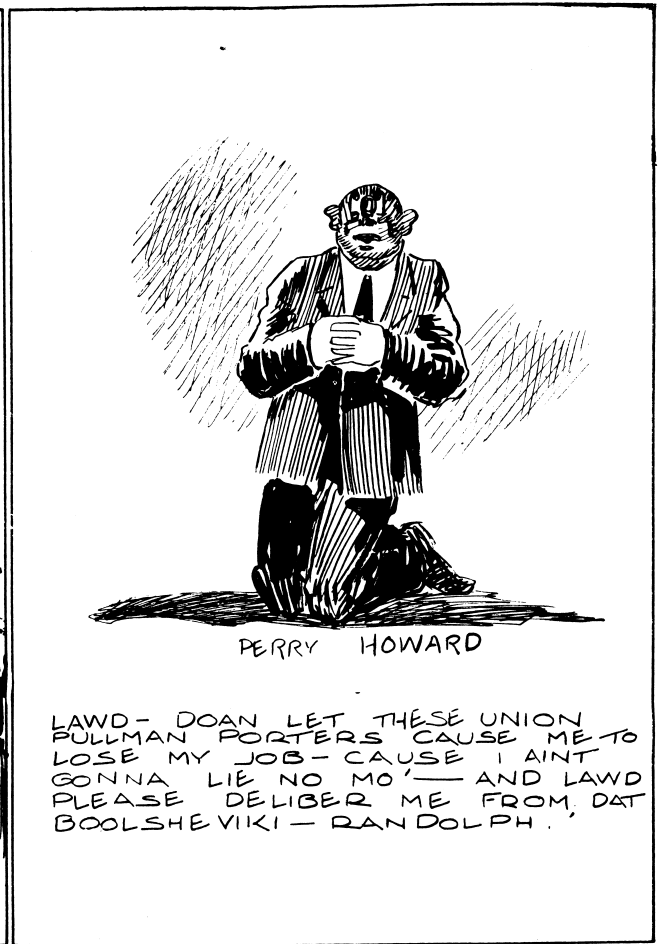
YAS SIR, YAS, SIR, BOSS— AND
WE DONT MEAN MAYBE.

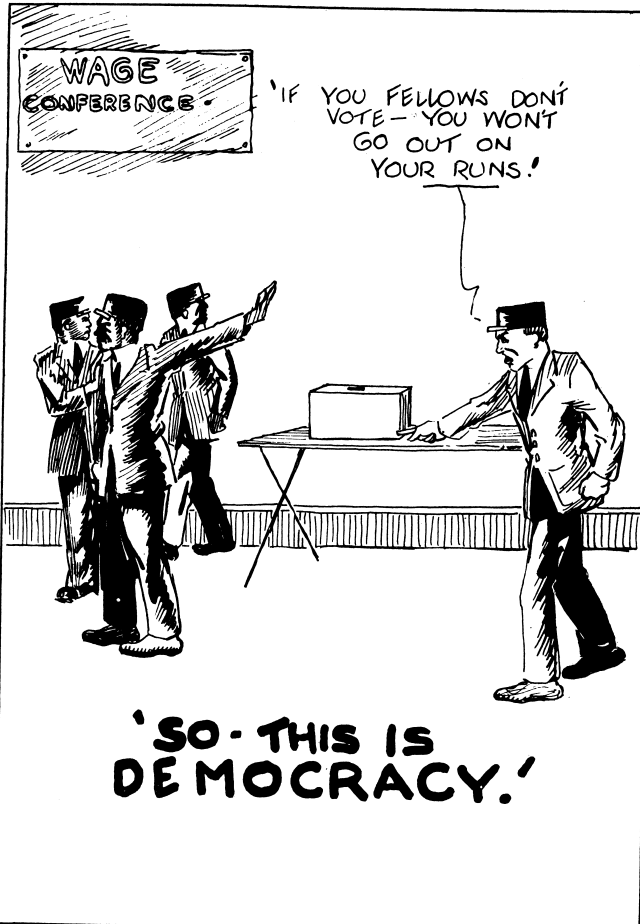


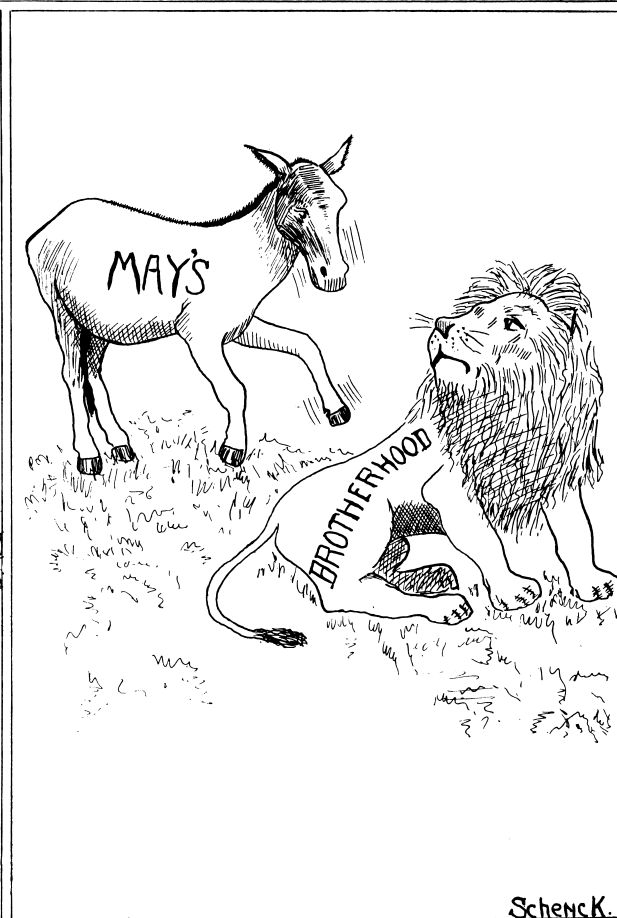
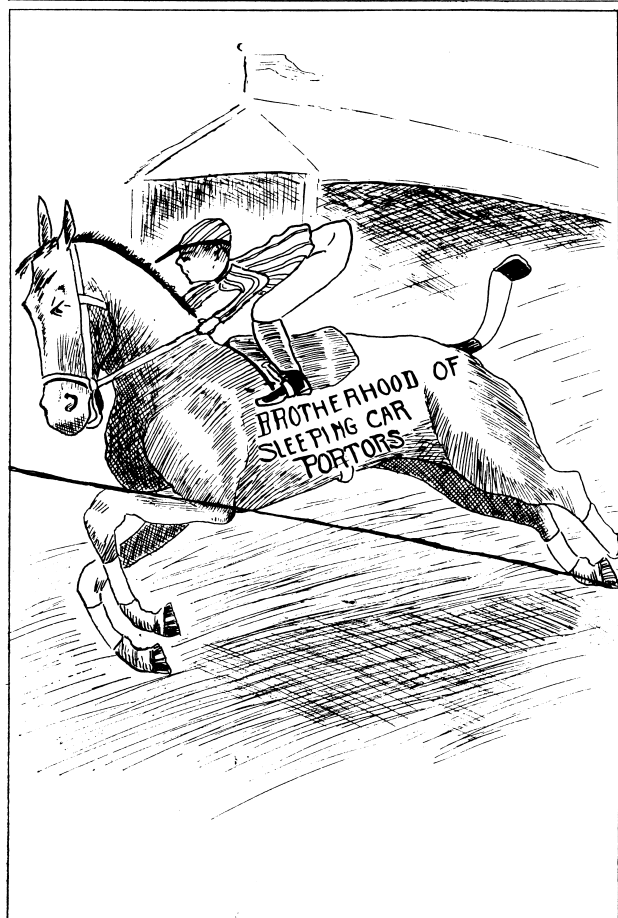
PERRY
PARKER- MY GOODNESS, DEY AIN'T
BITIN' AT DIS BAIT NO MORE
I HOPE DIS BOAT DONT UP-
SET 'CAUSE I CANT SWIM
IN DAT SEA.

THE UNION

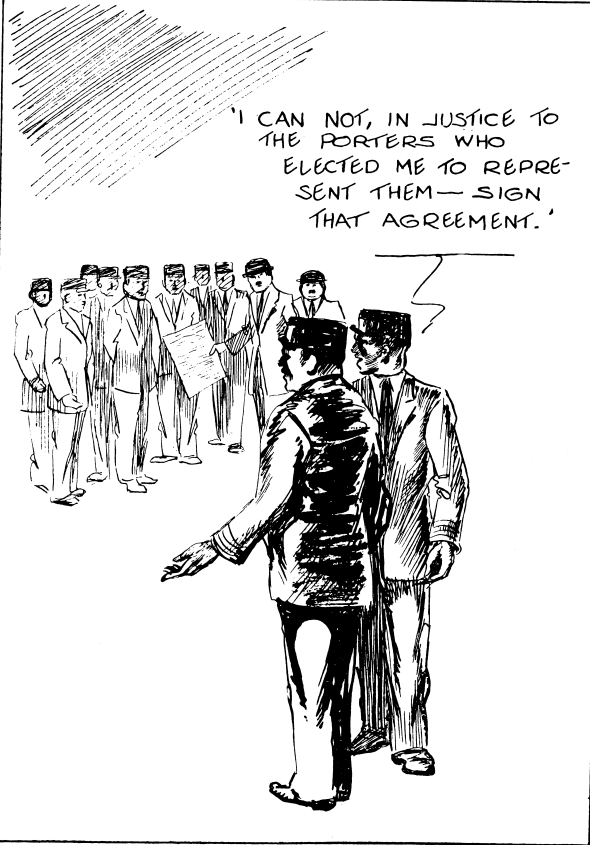


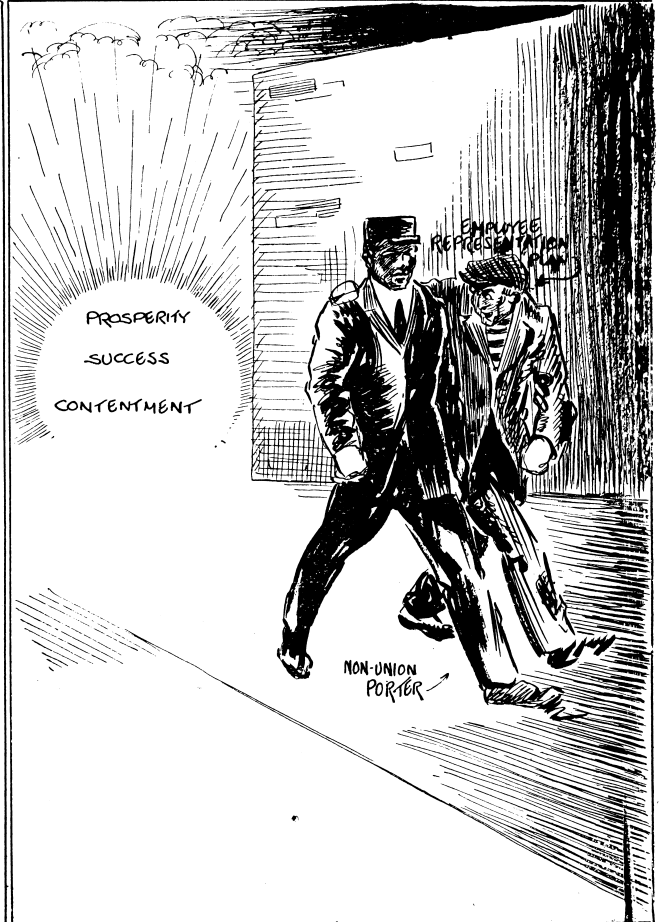
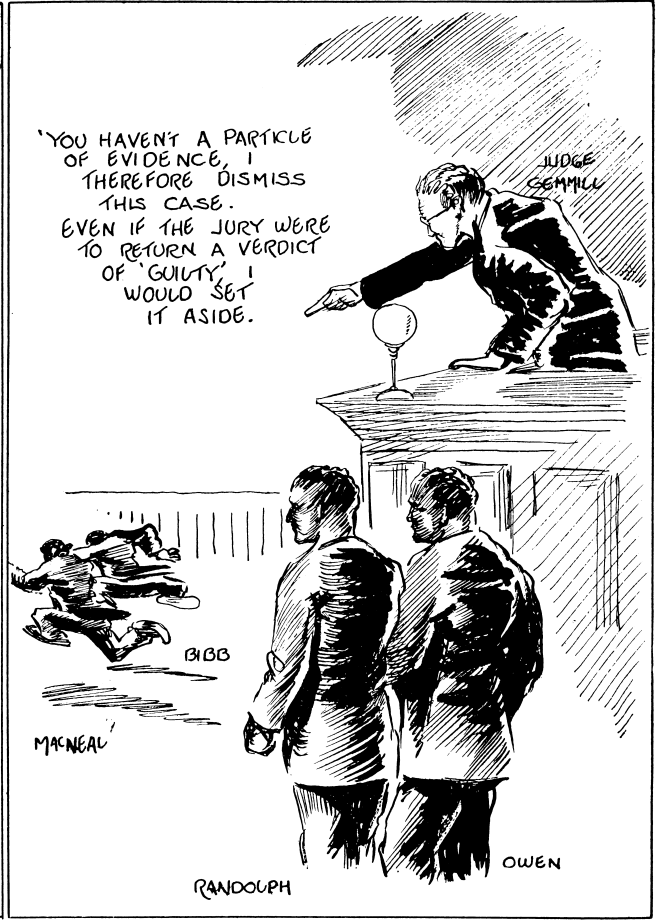


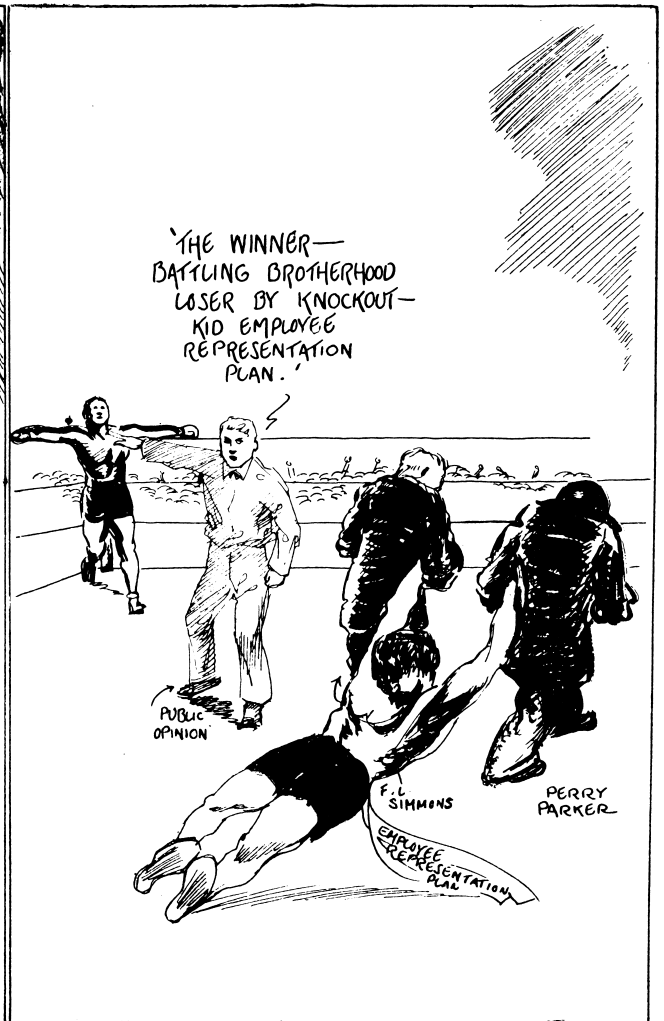
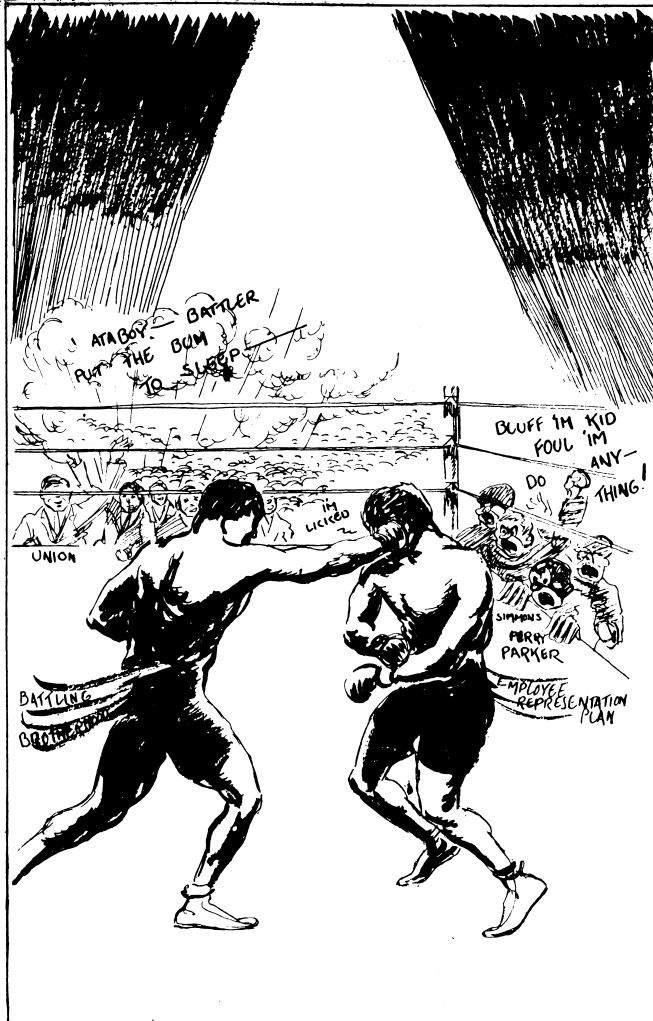


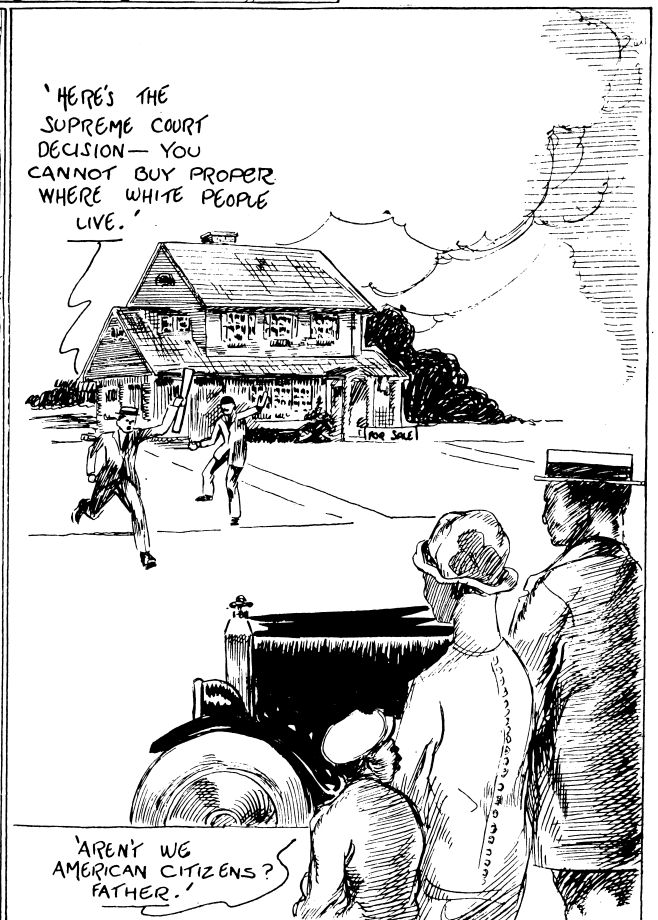
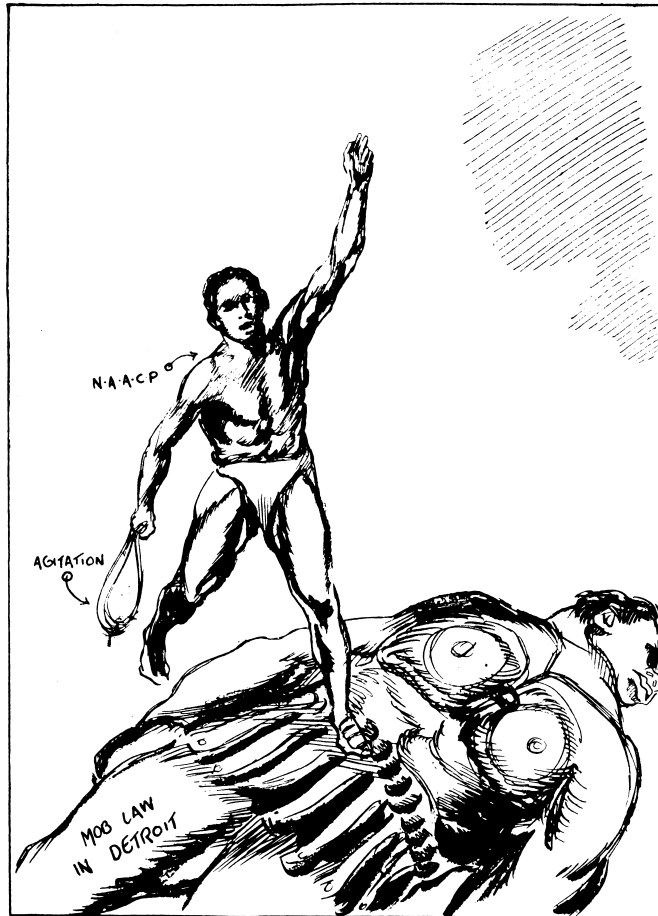
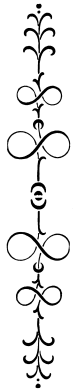
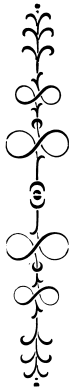


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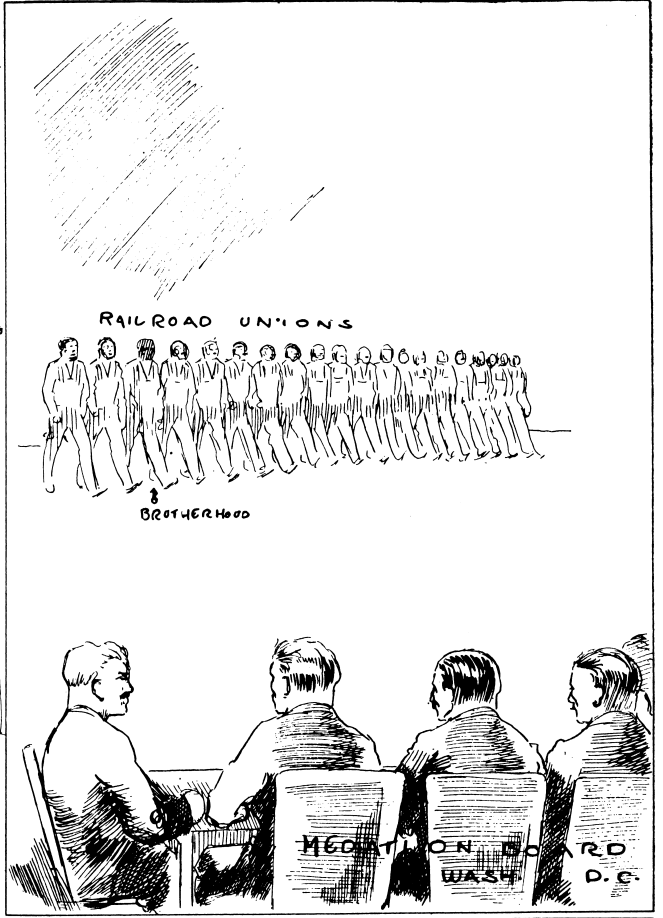


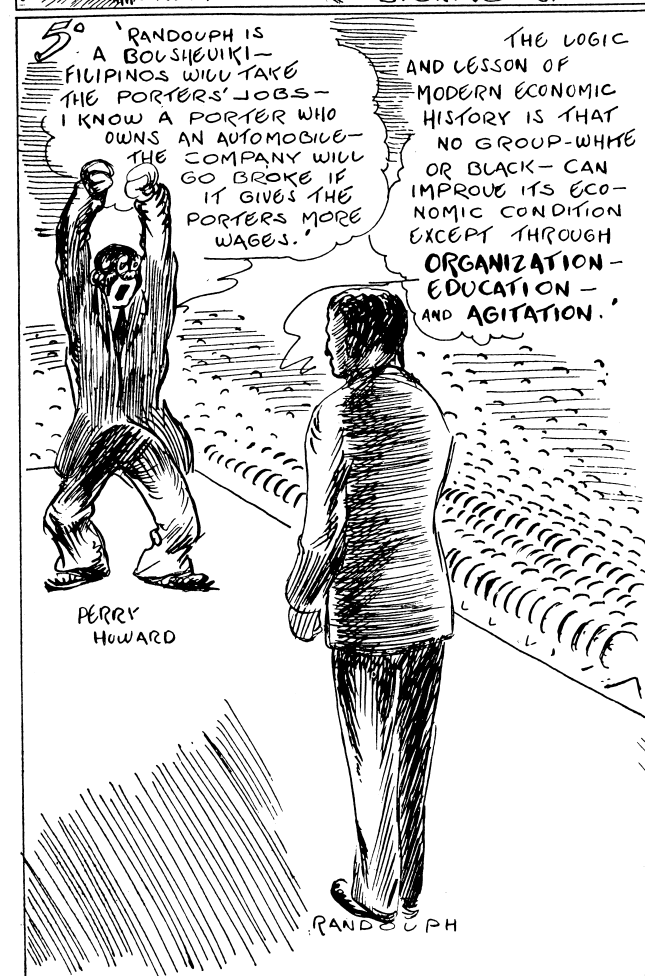








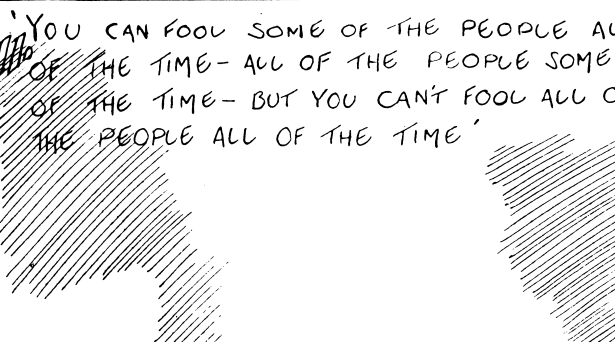




FRAMING UP THE WAGE CONFERENCE TO HALT THE UNION



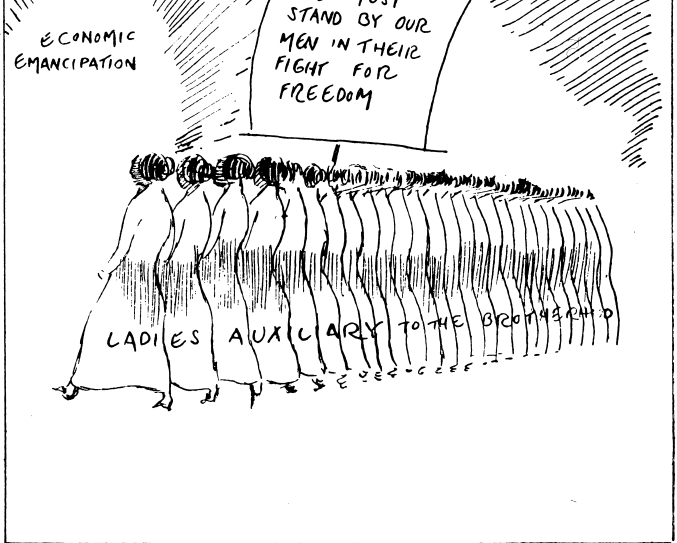
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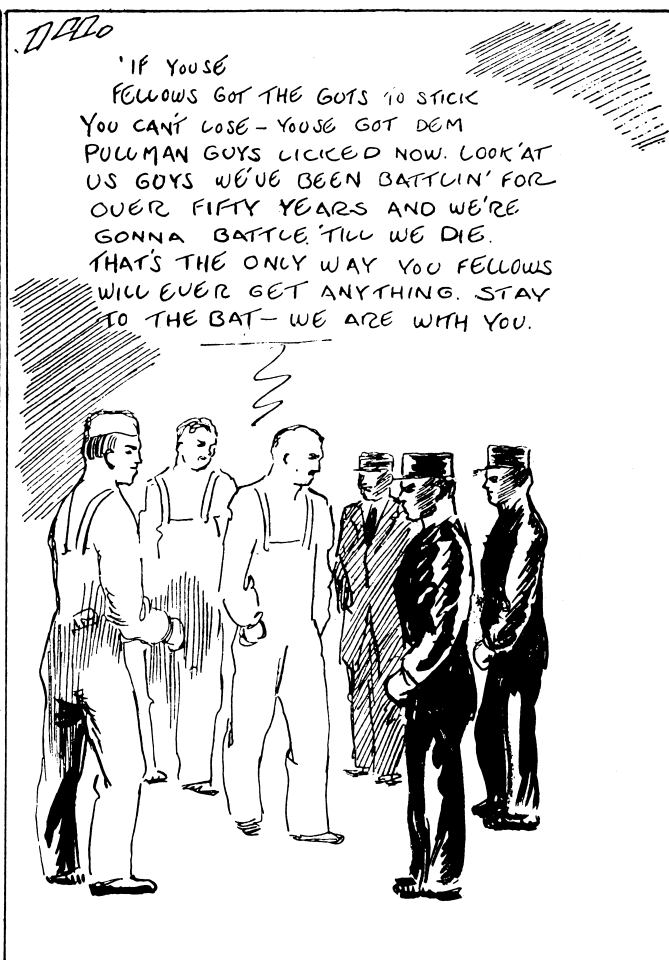


DELEGATES AND PULLMAN OFFICIALS TO THE WAGE CONFERENCE



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Exposé of the P.P.B.A.

(Continued from page 270)

Treasurer of the Pullman Co., as is indicated, because of the opinion of Perry Parker and his Executive Board that Negroes cannot be trusted with it.

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, believe that Negroes have proved themselves to be honest and qualified intellectually to operate the P. P. B. A. of A., without Pullman dictatorship, and it should be the duty of every member to revolt against the present administration and place porters in office who have the interests of their fellow-workers at heart.

PORTERS ADVISED TO VOTE INTELLIGENTLY

Beginning October 1st and 7th, primary elections will be held at each district.

The poll clerks will approach each porter with a list of the complete roster of porters out of which he is expected to vote for nominees for the following offices: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Delegate and Grievance Committee.

It is imperative that members use care whom they nominate to be delegate, while it matters little who they nominate as Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer.

The Grievance Committee herein mentioned is bunk. They must not be confused with the Grievance Committee of the Employee Representation Plan. They do not function anywhere.

At the close of primary elections at midnight October 7th, the ballots should be counted and the names will appear on ballots for the final voting October 15th to 21st.

It is again imperative that the members vote for one delegate who is a man with principle, stamina and manhood, and above all, not the same self seeker who was sent to the last convention.

There should be a secret campaign among the men so

that the election should be conducted fair, and free from the persuasion and influence of Pullman officials and stools, and there ought to be a determination on the part of the members in each district to call another election if they believe it to be unfair.

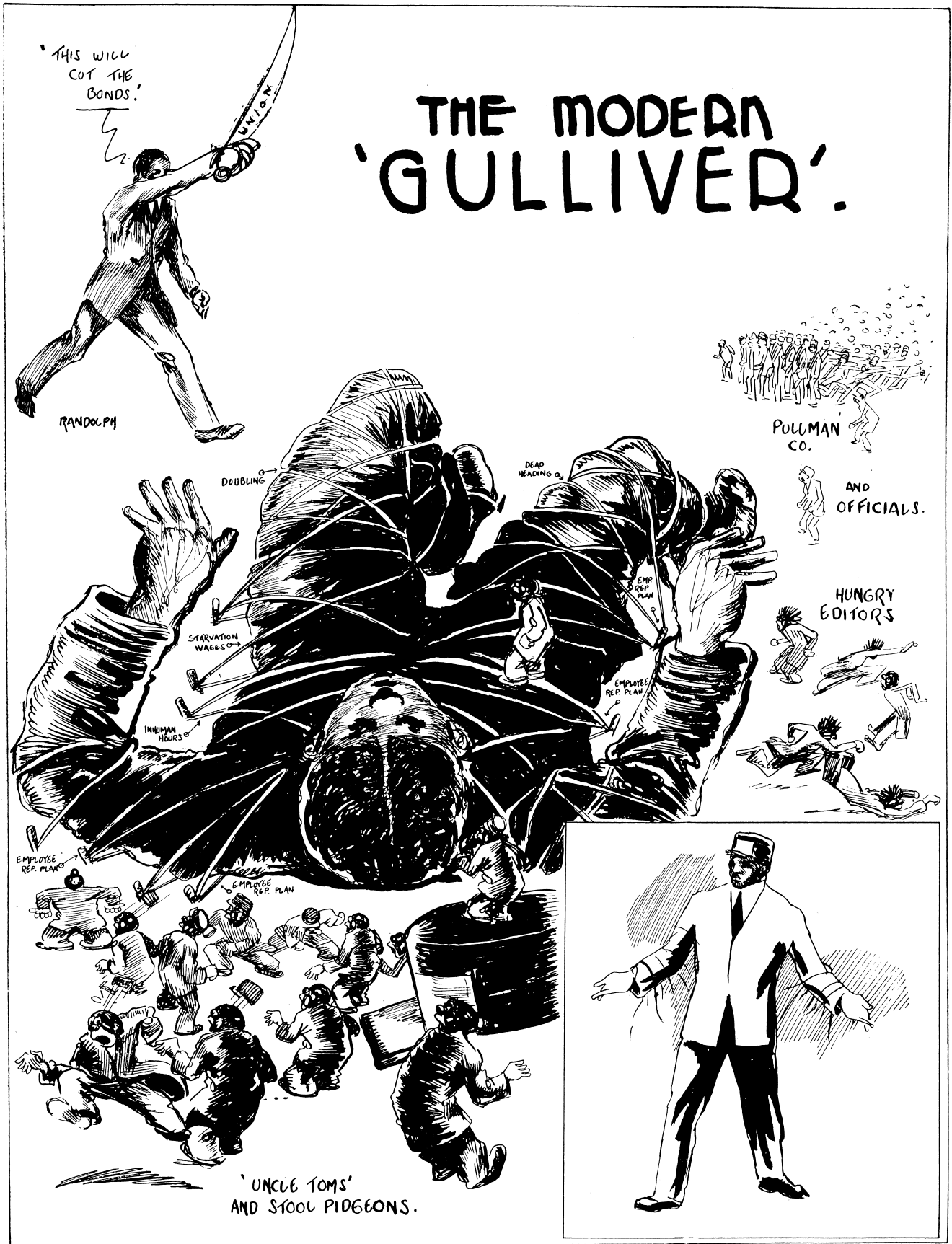
This can be done if the members would remember that the Pullman Co., has no right to interfere, and that pitiless, publicity would be one of the weapons employed to stop this interference.

If there is one spark of manhood left in the twelve thousand Pullman Porters, that spark should flame during the month of October.

The annual convention of the Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America starts on the third Tuesday in November.

With the knowledge of these indisputable facts which are presented in this article every member of this Association ought to elect delegates who are able to make a solid front, stand by the courage of their own convictions, and be masters of their own opinions.

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THE VOICE OF THE NEGRO
 and
WHEN BLACK MEETS WHITE
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"Actual payroll figures of 3,386 porters in March, 1926, showed an overtime excess of 10½ per cent above the basic rate;" observes the Company. Well, if true, what of it? In the first place only one-fourth of the porters are here affected by this supposed overtime. In the second place, the amount each porter gets is just a little over

seven dollars more in pay per month. An inconsiderable item, this, so far as a living wage is concerned. "The average porter's income is above that of large numbers of railroad employees," exclaims the Company. If this is true, the said railroad employees are the victims of conscienceless exploitation. But this is merely a state-

'POOR WAGES AND THE HOME.'
UNDER THE EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION
PLAN.

BUT WE HAVEN'T
ANY MONEY—HONEY—
YOU KNOW MY WAGES
ARE JUST \$72.50 AND
MY TIPS—? WELL, YOU
NEVER CAN TELL WHAT
THEY WILL BE. OF
COURSE, YOU KNOW
THEY WON'T BE
MUCH.

'WHAT ABOUT
SENDING ALICE
OFF TO SCHOOL,
JIM?'



'NO—DARLING,
NOT THIS YEAR—
BUT YOU'LL GO NEXT,
IF I HAVE TO WORK
MY FINGERS OFF.'

'MOTHER,
AM I GOING
OFF TO
"SCHOOL?'



BOTH OUT TRYING TO MAKE
ENDS MEET

'GOOD BYE,
JIM—I HOPE
YOU HAVE
GOOD LUCK.'

'GOOD
BYE, HONEY
DON'T WORK
TOO HARD.'



'MOTHER,
WHY IS IT
I CAN'T GO
TO SCHOOL?'

'YOUR FATHER DOESN'T
GET ENOUGH WAGES,
DARLING, AND HE NEVER
CAN FIGURE HOW MUCH
TIPS HE
WILL
GET.'



'WHY DOES
PAPA DEPEND
ON TIPS FOR
A LIVING,
MOTHER?'

'O, I DON'T
KNOW, I NEVER
THOUGHT OF THAT
BEFORE, DARLING.'





WIFE - 'JIM, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT YOUR WAGES. ARE THEY GOING TO REMAIN WHAT THEY ARE FOREVER?'

JIM - 'THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO, HONEY, I AIN'T BUT ONE MAN YOU KNOW.'

WIFE - 'YES, JIM, THAT'S WHAT I KNOW. BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS BROTHERHOOD-WHY DON'T YOU JOIN IT? YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT I GOT YOU ONE RAISE OF EIGHT PER CENT.'

'YES, THAT'S TRUE BUT SUPPOSE THEY FIRE ME? YOU KNOW THEY'RE ARE SO MANY STOOID RIDGEONS AROUND YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO.'

O - DON'T BE SO CHICKEN-HEARTED! WHAT IF THEY DO FIRE YOU, YOU COULDN'T BE MUCH WORSE OFF. YOU JOIN IT - JIM, DON'T BE A SLACKER, NOTHING VENTURED - NOTHING GAINED - YOU CAN'T EVER EXPECT TO GET ANYTHING UNLESS YOU FIGHT FOR IT. IF ORGANIZATION IS GOOD FOR THE WHITE MAN - IT IS GOOD FOR THE BLACK MAN TOO.'



'I AM WITH YOU. I HAVE COME TO JOIN. I CAN SEE ITS THE ONLY WAY OUT. THE EMPLOYEE PLAN IS A JOKE.'

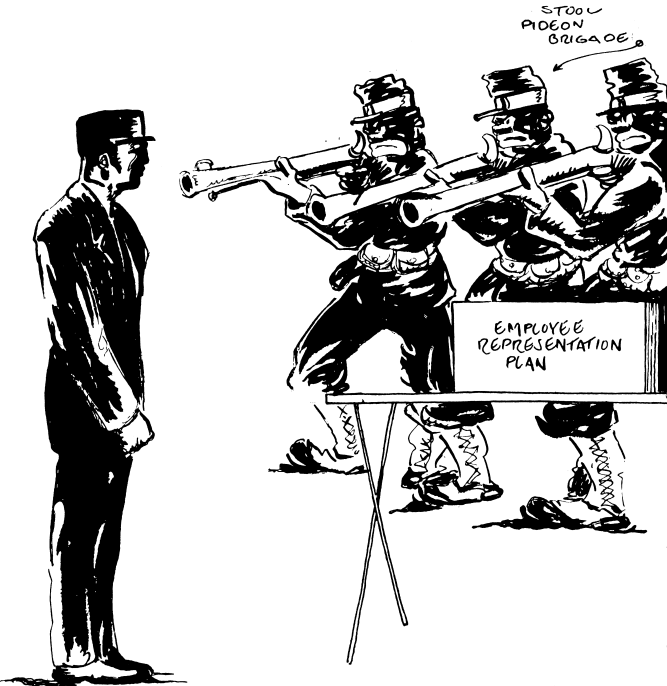


'WELL, I SIGNED UP AND WE'LL WIN, HONEY-BECAUSE WE ARE RIGHT.'

'YES, WE'LL WIN, IF WE'LL ONLY STICK. WHITE PEOPLE DON'T THINK COLORED PEOPLE WILL STICK, BUT WE'LL SHOW THEM THIS TIME, JIM.'



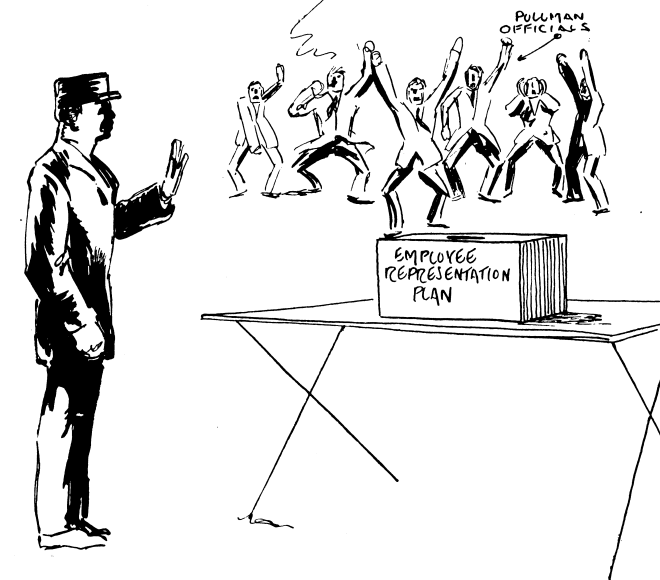
STOOV PIGEON BRIGADE — 'HAVE YOU VOTED? NOW DON'T GIVE US NO ARGUMENT— WHITE FOLKS DONE SAID YOU GOTTA VOTE.'
 UNION PORTER — 'WHY— I DONT HAVE TO VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IF I DONT WANT TO.'



UNCLE TOMS — 'SO YOU AIN'T GONNA VOTE—EH? I SEE, YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE SMART BROTHERHOOD MEN'
 UNION PORTER— 'NO, I AM NOT VOTING'



'WHAT ON EARTH HAS COME OVER THESE PORTERS? THEY REALLY WANT THAT BROTHERHOOD WE MADE A MISTACE BY SAYING IN OUR PLAN THAT THEY COULD JOIN A UNION!'



GOOD LAW — DEY SURE DID KILL DAT PLAN. DEY MIGHT JUST AS WELL BURY US, TOO.'



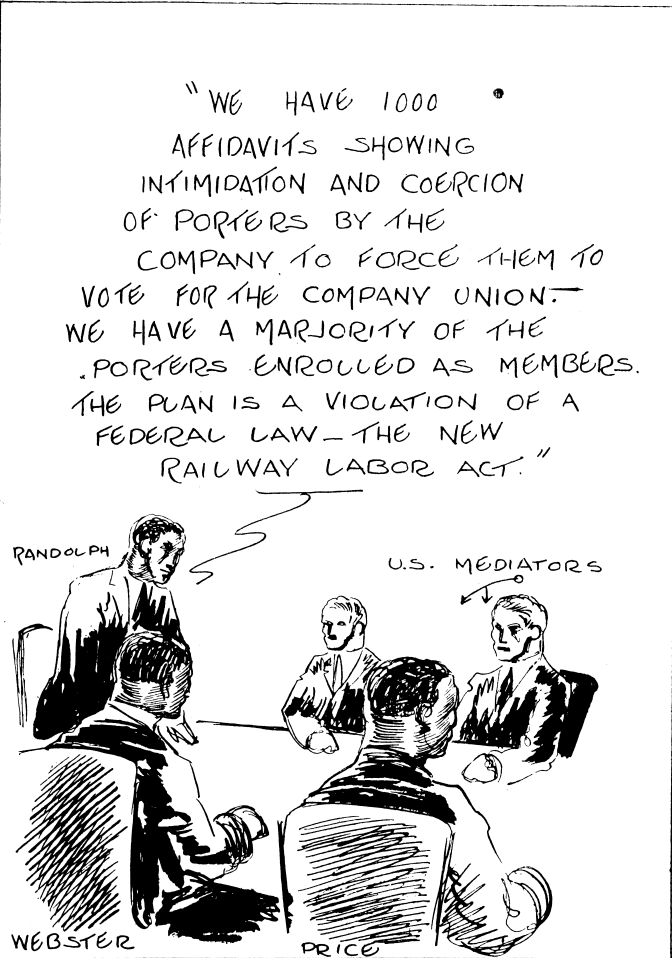




HEY-WAH!
 YOU BOYS VOTED YET?
 IF YOU DONT VOTE I IS
 GOINTA TELL DE WHITE
 FOLKS! YOU HEAR ME?
 YOU HAS GOT DAT
 BROTHERHOOD
 BUG!!

GO
 DROWN
 YOURSELVES-
 OLD FOOLS!!

'PORTER
 INSTRUCTORS'



"WE HAVE 1000
 AFFIDAVITS SHOWING
 INTIMIDATION AND COERCION
 OF PORTERS BY THE
 COMPANY TO FORCE THEM TO
 VOTE FOR THE COMPANY UNION.
 WE HAVE A MAJORITY OF THE
 PORTERS ENROLLED AS MEMBERS.
 THE PLAN IS A VIOLATION OF A
 FEDERAL LAW - THE NEW
 RAILWAY LABOR ACT."

RANDOLPH

U.S. MEDIATORS

WEBSTER

PRICE



"NOW, WHAT WILL WE DO?
 THIS BROTHERHOOD REALLY
 GOT A HEARING FROM THE
 U.S. MEDIATION BOARD. NOW
 THESE FELLOWS WILL SURE JOIN-
 WELL, IF THEY STICK WE CANT
 BEAT 'EM AND IT LOOKS LIKE
 THEY WILL STICK."

PULLMAN
 OFFICIALS



YOU GUYS
 GOT THAT
 PULLMAN BUNCH
 LICKED TO A
 FRAZZLE. NOW SHOW
 'EM YOU GOT GUTS TO
 STICK AND FORK UP
 THE CASH TO PAY FOR
 YOUR FIGHT. WE
 HAD TO
 DO IT."

"WE'LL
 STICK TILL
 HELL FREEZES
 OVER. WE
 DON'T WANT
 SOMETHING FOR
 NOTHING. WE'RE
 NEW NEGROES."



PULLMAN CO — AIN'T YOU GOINTA VOTE?
 PORTER — NO, THANKS, I DON'T CARE TO.
 UNCLE TOM — LAWD A MUSSY! LOOK HEAH
 SON, AINT YOU GOINTA VOTE SHO NUFF
 FOR DESE WHITE FOUKS. SPECKS YOU
 GOT DAT RANDOLPH FEVER, TOO, HUH?



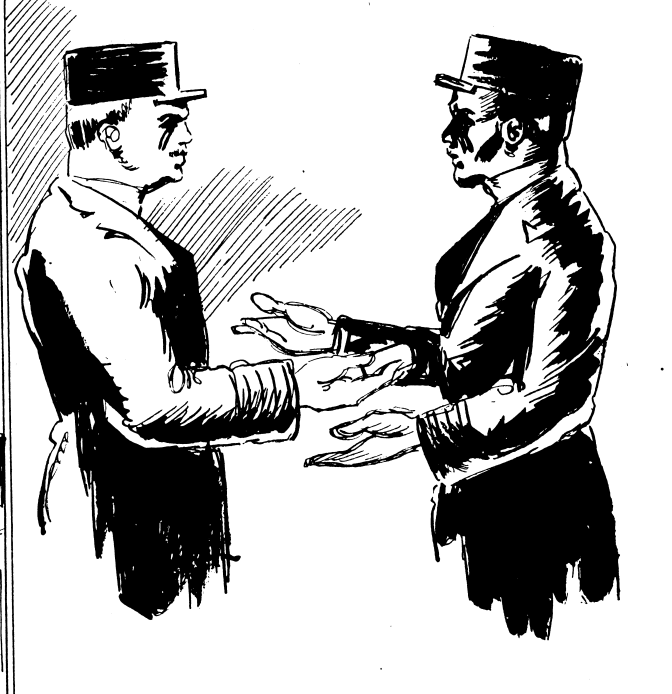
PULLMAN CO — SO YOU AINT GOINTA VOTE
 FOR THE COMPANY UNION, EH?
 UNCLE TOM — I'LL GIT YOU, YOU SMART ALECK!
 PORTER — DONALD R. RICHBERG, CO-AUTHOR
 OF THE NEW RAILWAY LABOR ACT SAYS ITS A
 VIOLATION OF A FEDERAL LAW TO COMPELL
 A PORTER TO VOTE FOR YOUR COMPANY
 UNION.



"TELL HIM. YOU
 FOOL HE AINT GOT
 TO VOTE WE'LL GIT
 HIM JUST HIM —
 JUST THE
 SAME."

SEE MR.
 MITCHELL, MR.
 BURR, MR.
 PITENHOUSE

SMITH. FREEMAN
 KIRK. BANNISTER
 BOTTS. ESTELLE



SUPT — SO, YOU BROKE A DRINKING
 GUASS, EH, WELL...
 PORTER — YES, SIR, BUT NO PORTER
 IS EVER DISCHARGED FOR BREAKING
 A GUASS.
 SUPT — YOU DIDN'T VOTE FOR THE
 PLAN, DID YOU?



PULLMAN CO.— SAY, YOU DUMMY — DON'T YOU KNOW THE U.S. MEDIATION BOARD AIN'T GOINTA BOTHER WITH THE BROTHERHOOD!!

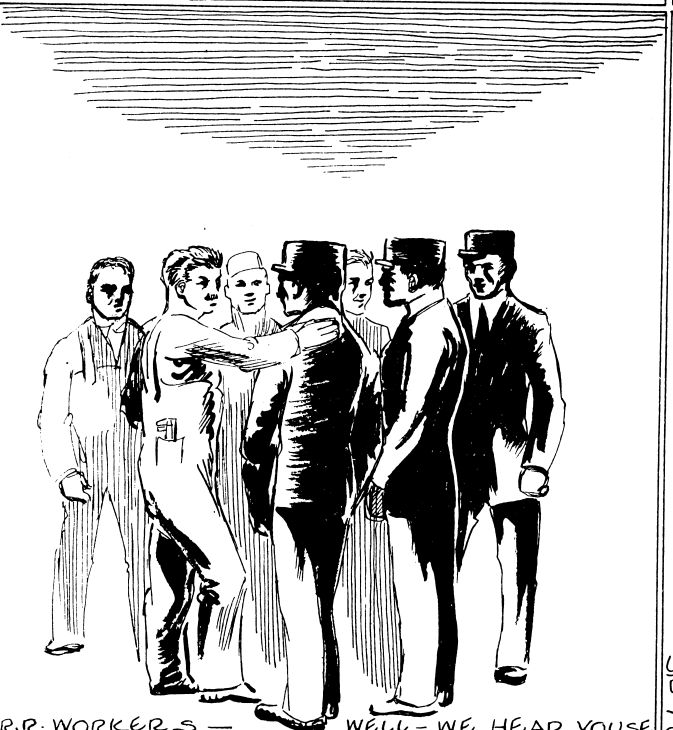
UNCLE TOM — LOOKA HEAH, SON, DON'T YOU HEAR WHITE FOLKS TALKIN' TER YOU?? WHAT'S COME OVER YOU, ANYWAY???

PORTER — MR. PULLMAN COMPANY — WHY SHOULD YOU WORRY IF YOU KNOW THE BOARD WILL TURN THE BROTHERHOOD DOWN??



UNCLE TOM — SAY — AINT YOU GONNA VOTE FER DIS NEW PLAN? ITS DIFFERENT FROM DE OUD ONE IF YOU VOTE — YOU GET A RAISE.

PORTER — CAN THAT BUNK — THE SAME OLD CROWD WHICH MADE THE OUD PLAN IS MAKING THE NEW ONE WHICH ISN'T NEW AT ALL.



R.R. WORKERS — WELL — WE HEAR YOUSE GUYS GOT WORD THE BOARD WILL GIVE YOU A FULL HEARING — YOU GUYS LICKED DEM PULLMAN BIRDS HANDS DOWN AT YOUR FIRST HEARING. NOTHING TO IT IF YOU STICK.

PORTERS — LEAVE IT TO US — WE ARE IN THIS FIGHT TO THE FINISH WE GOT 'EM LICKED AND THEY KNOW IT — WE'RE NEW NEGROES. NONE OF THIS QUITTER BUSINESS FOR US.



UNCLE TOM — DOAN' TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT DO FER DE WHITE FOLKS! ILL TRY MY BEST TO --- YOU --- YES, ILL TRY YOU ONE TIME — I WILL!!

PORTER — SAY, CUT THAT OUT, OUD MAN, OR I'LL, NOW DON'T GET ME RILED. YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE 'BIG HOUSE' NEGROES WHO BELIEVES EV'RY WHITE MAN'S A GOD. NONE OF THAT STUFF WITH ME NOW, SO TROT BACK AND TELL YOUR MASTERS I SAID SO!!

