



BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN

Lodge No.

Aurora, Ill, November 22nd, 1925.

T.J. Potter

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Mr. F.S. Barnes,
General Chairman R.R.T.
Creston, Iowa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of a petition with 129 names attached which has had the proper Lodge action for handling but the same is headed to be submitted to the full General Grievance Committee for consideration of the Baggage-man Rule in suburban service between Aurora and Chicago.

This protest was brought about from the fact that all Baggage-men and Brakemen in the suburban service are used as Collectors during some part of the days assignment and receive the collectors rate of pay for the entire assignment which is higher than the Baggage-man rate, junior men with Baggage-men's rights are holding these jobs because of the fact that the assignment is carded to carry baggage one way over the road and from statements of the men the baggage handled in some cases consists of a mail sack or a couple sacks or bundles of papers; when the Chicago - Downers Grove men were merged onto the Aurora Division we found that none of these men had any seniority rights as baggage-men, but since the merger they have coupled up some of the Aurora assignments with a Downers Grove trip and that Downers Grove trip was carded to handle baggage and a junior Aurora division Baggage-man was given the job on his baggage seniority although it paid the Collectors rate.

Most all the assignments out of Downers Grove handle baggage some time during the day but the youngest collector on the job has to handle it and the question of baggage seniority does not enter into it. I have tried to give you an outline of what the question is and would ask your advise if this should go to the full General Committee as it is or should it be handled locally first. Second. Under the conditions cited would it be considered violation of the second paragraph of Rule 72-B if handled locally.

When this mixed assignment came up the Trainmaster called me to the office which was full of men who were interested and wanted to know if a baggage-man got the job and I said to him that the baggage Rule had not been changed to my knowledge but I presumed that he was in a position to say whether the job was a baggage car or not and supposed from the fact that none of the jobs out of Downers Grove was filled by men under the Rule that he would place this one on the same basis with the other baggage jobs.

Trusting I have made this matter clear enough to you so that I may be advised and that you will give it at your earliest convenience I remain. Fraternaly yours,