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BROTHERHOOD OF
Sleeping Car Porters

Headquarters:
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NEW YORK, N. Y.



March 1, 1927

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Mr. M. P. Webster,
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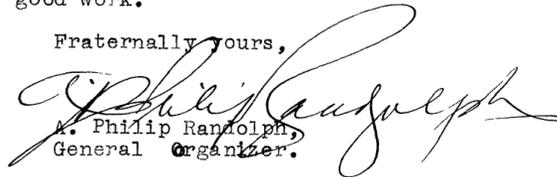
Dear Brother Webster:

I am glad to know that things are moving promisingly forward. I am sure that your affair will not only be a success, but it will be a means of creating a ~~fine~~ spirit of fellowship among the members and acquainting a large section of the public with the work of the Organization.

I am glad to know that you are having Mrs. Boyd to speak to the ladies and the men. She is a woman of the same makeup and quality of her husband and is unqualifiedly devoted to the cause of the Brotherhood.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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Chicago, Illinois,
412 E. 50th Place,
March 2, 1927.

Mr. H. J. Clark,
Supt. Pullman Co.,
Houston, Tex.

Dear Sir:

Having worked under you from the year of July 5, 1911 to 1915, I desire to ask of you a favor; as it seems that I have been unable to get back into the service of the Company, (Pullman), for some reason. For I know that I've always tried hard to give the best service while in the service at all times. You, knowing me, I am asking you to call Mr. O. P. Powell's attention to my record and service while under you, and I think it would assist me a great deal in being able to return to service.

I was discharged on an alleged charge of peeping in a woman's berth, which I am positively aware that I never did do such a thing in my entire career. But I could not seem to convince the general office. I have an idea it was occasioned by a brakeman on Pa. D. en-route to N. Y. from Chicago, because I told him I did not have a camp stool, which he wanted for this lady to sit on on the rear of the train with him while he entertained her. It looks very much like that to me, that he had her to make that charge against me. You can see that it looks that way. I

I will appreciate it very much if you will take this up with Mr. O. P. Powell in my behalf. Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours respectfully,

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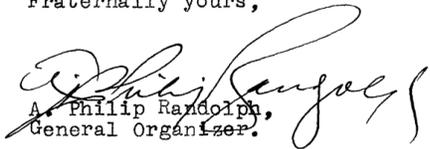
Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of the 28th inst. and to say that I am glad to know that the work is moving splendidly forward. The program you have inaugurated bids fair to consolidate your forces and greatly stimulate interest which will naturally result in increased dues paying. I feel that you are making a good job of things and hope to be able to give you some material as to when the Board will take its next step in our case in the very near future which I am sure will greatly enliven the situation in Chicago.

The work moves promisingly forward. We are continuously collecting data which will reinforce and fortify our case in fine form. May I suggest that in answering the questionnaire on the Employee Representation Plan that separate sheets of paper may be used so as to allow for full and complete statements as answers.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


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CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Date	Name	Amount	Total	Gen.
				\$1292.00
March 1	J. S. Dixon	10.00		
	Wm Rigsby	5.00	15.00	
2	E. Tolbert	10.00	10.00	
3	D. Thompson	5.00	5.00	30.00
	Total for week ending March 5, 1927			\$ 1322.00

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 1927

MEMO OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES

Date
Feb.
Mar

	Postage	Taxi	Org. Wrk.	Wires	Office Supplies	Tel.	Printing	Total
28	1.20		2.50		Ink Pad .25.	.05		4.00
1	.45		6.81					7.26
2			1.28			.25		1.53
3			.14			.20		.34
4			1.28	.60		.20		2.08
5			.14					.14
	1.65		12.15	.60	.25	.70		15.35

Recapitulation -----

Postage ----- \$ 1.65
 Organization Work ----- 12.15
 Wires ----- .60
 Office Supplies ----- .25
 Telephone ----- .70

Total ----- \$ 15.35

Voucher #67.
 Check #455.

REPORT OF DANCE GIVEN MARCH 5, 1927

CASH RECEIPTS -----

From the sale of 336 Tickets -----	\$168.00	
Receipts from the Check Room -----	12.65	
Receipts from sale of refreshments from Ladies' Auxiliary -----	14.20	
Total Receipts -----		\$194.85

DISBURSEMENTS -----

By Check -----

Lottie W. Hightower #447 --(music)-----	10.00	
L. W. Hightower #460 (5 pieces) -----	40.00	
500 Placards -----	25.00	
1000 Tickets -----	5.25	
Jas. Scales, distributing placards -----	3.50	
Joint Bldg. Assn. U. B. T. & S. M. T. renting of Hall -----	25.00	
Total disbursements by check -----		108.75

By Cash -----

J. W. Scales services rendered at dance -----	3.50	
Geo. W. Hamilton, services rendered at dance -----	3.50	
A. R. Williams, services rendered at dance -----	3.50	
Check for check-room -----	1.35	
Miscellaneous items -----	3.00	
I. M. Edmondson, services rendered at dance -----	2.00	
Total disbursements by cash -----		16.85

Total Disbursements -----		125.60
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NET PROFIT ON DANCE TO DATE -----		\$ 69.25
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Tickets out -----41.



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Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Fine enclosed a copy of a letter sent Brother George A. Price in reply to a letter from him apprising me of the fact that he was going to do some collections for the Messenger. He also made a request for reinstatement with the Brotherhood. This matter is wholly for your determination.

Everything moves promisingly forward.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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C O P Y

March 5, 1927

Mr. George A. Price,
3746 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Price:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of the 3d inst. I am glad to know that you are getting the collections together for the Messenger and plan to send them in.

Relative to your doing some work for the Brotherhood, may I say that the determination of that matter will largely rest with Brother Webster and the Organizing Committee in Chicago. Inasmuch as your difficulties arose in the Chicago Division, I could not come against the will and desires of the officers and Committee there and take any action in your case. Of course, you can appreciate this, as you would strenuously object to such course of action were you in charge of the Chicago Division yourself and a similar case to yours existed. I certainly hope that you will adjust your relations with the Division satisfactorily and regain the good-will of the Committee and Brother Webster.

I hope you will always respect and recognize the leadership of Brother Webster in the Chicago Division and that your conduct and statements will all tend to cause the members and the porters who are not members to rally to the work of Brother Webster and the Chicago Division. I think the solution of your case will have to be made in relation to Brother Webster who is the head of the Division, as he knows what is best in the situation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
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Dear Brother Webster:

Permit me in behalf of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters to extend to you in this your hour of bereavement, sadness and sorrow the heartfelt and sincere sympathy and condolences of the entire membership at the loss of your dear mother. We are fully appreciative of what it means to be deprived of the devoted care and nurture of a mother who is the finest symbol of self-sacrifice the world has yet seen.

May you take courage and be heartened in the faith and realization that she has done her noble services to society and now rests in peace and bliss.

Fraternally yours,
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Dear Land March 6 1824

Dear old Mrs. M. Weston

I am in the city of Boston
I wish and will remain in the city
but I shall be in the city
in the city of Boston

But I am in the city of Boston
I wish and will remain in the city

and I am in the city of Boston
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Limney Salary our note let
out to find one 15 Dollars
A month like I had him town
out but I am still a man
to fight to better their condition
I am in this fight to
finish all I hope is that
the Lord will let me see
the Brattle Road get to
Division over the Pullman
I will fight as long as
has Breth in this old name
for the Posters We are bound
to Win out let me hear
from you soon I am
the same old Dad man
517 Wood St
Oakland Calif

March 8, 1927

Dad Moore,
519 Wood St.,
Oakland, Calif.

My old friend Dad:

I was very glad to get your letter today, but sorry to learn that you were not doing so well. I feel certain that Brother Randolph will comply with your request, from the standpoint of assistance that you have been to the organization in that territory, there isn't any amount of money that will sufficiently compensate you for the work that you have done. However, if you do not get the response that you anticipate, I would like to be advised forthwith.

It is indeed unfortunate that the Chicago men do not give you any more support than they do. I will put forth a special effort immediately to see that our Brotherhood men who are operating into Oakland make your place the headquarters. Every Pullman porter is under that obligation to you for what you have done for the Brotherhood. You can rest assured that I will exert every effort, with a view of getting you the fullest amount of co-operation from our men who come into Oakland. I will also place a bulletin up in our office here urging our men to give you their support. I don't know of anybody else who could have done for the Brotherhood what you have done for it in Oakland. I will also call their attention to the fact that they must stay away from this pool-room, whose proprietor is opposed to this movement; and I think we can wield enough influence among our men to see that you get the support that you should have.

The work here is progressing nicely. We have just completed a series of meetings which were very successful, and which ended in a big dance given up in the hall. New men are rallying to the cause, and old men who previously gave us their support are lining up with us in good shape; and we have every encouragement to continue our efforts in the prosecution of this work.

I will keep in touch with you constantly, as I am anxious to know how you are getting along, and I want to be of any assistance that I can in making it easier for you in your territory. I think you can feel satisfied that the con-

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ditions that you complain will be eliminated in the immediate future.

Governor Morrow is now in Chicago on the case of the Conductors and Trainmen. It is very likely that while he is here that he will go into our matter also. So we might expect a hearing most any time, and I think that the publicity incident to this hearing will bring a large number of those who have been holding out into the fold. Keep up the good work, and I think the next ninety days will bring forth results that will justify all of us for the hard that has been done in behalf of this organization.

I am always glad to hear from you about the situation out there.

Yours fraternally,

H. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

HPP:IM

March 2, 1927

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

All of your letters of recent date received. Permit me at this time to thank you for your kind messages of sympathy sent to me on account of the death of my mother.

I also note in your communication of the 5th inst., enclosed copy of letter to Brother Price. The same matter was taken up with me several weeks ago, and I emphasized the fact that expression of regret in a more substantial form would be the only means by which any reconsideration of the matter could be taken up. I think he thoroughly appreciated the situation, and I have been holding on to that other matter, on the promise of some immediate remuneration. Not having been made to date, I will proceed forthwith to handle it as has been suggested.

Please note that in next Saturday's report that I am today reimbursing the Brotherhood for funds expended on account of the dance. I will enclose a statement of the funds taken from the local division. I will deposit funds tomorrow to cover that amount. The dance was not a financial success. There will be as I can see now a little surplus, most likely around twenty-five Dollars, (\$25.00). Of course, we got considerable advertising out of it, and created quite a bit of interest, but for the purpose for which it was given, the results are practically nil. Just as soon as I get all of the ticket money in I will turn all of the cash over to the local bank account, as there is not enough to start to create a fund for the purpose of looking after discharged men. The women's organization lent us very little co-operation on this matter, in fact, it is apparent that they deliberately threw the dance down. They were very much enthused at first, and wanted the dance pulled off in a big way, entailing considerable expense for publicity, music, etc., but immediately thereafter they, on account of some apparent disagreement between themselves, decided to keep their hands off with a consequent result from the standpoint of the sale of tickets. It was also unfortunate that I had to get out of the harness just in the midst of the program. I take considerable effort to make a dance a financial success, and there will be no more attempts made here until I am satisfied that everybody is working in harmony. I am going to make an attempt during the next thirty days to increase

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the membership, and I think we will be able to get a new group of women whose influence will overcome the dissatisfaction that now seems to exist.

The series of meetings just finished were fairly successful. We had three excellent meetings, with around fifty men in the hall. We have been able to bring home to the men the importance of their co-operating with the organization, and just how seriously the non-support of the organization affects us. However, it is necessary to keep constantly driving in order to keep the interest up; and I am starting another program immediately to take up where we left off last week.

Our dues record for the last two weeks in February and the first week in March were considerable improvement over the two previous weeks -- running \$144.00 the week ending February 26, and \$148.00 the week ending March 5. The assessments have dropped off considerably, but we are still driving in an effort to bring that item up. Our dues income ought to be around \$200.00 a week. I think if we keep up our constant agitation that we will eventually work up to that point. Brother Clark is familiar with the office routine here now, and I intend mapping out an outside program that will keep him constantly in the street during the day time. It is quite an item of expense to send communications to the membership, but it seems to be the only way in which we can get the memo to come out; and when they come out they pay dues, so on the whole we are better off by keeping up the agitation in that manner.

Governor Morrow is in Chicago on the Conductors and Trainmen' case. I have not gotten into communication because of the fact that you have official correspondence on when our hearing will be, and I don't think it necessary to take the matter up with him through any other source. However, if you think that I should get in touch with him here, I will be very glad to do so.

I have seen Webb once since I wrote you, but he was not in so talkative a mood as previously. I understand he is with the Binga bank, and he also informs me that he does not intend to squak, I think you can very likely see the reason why. I understand there is being a petition circulated among the P. P. B. A. members to urge the Board of Directors to eliminate Botts. I don't know how much good it will do, as petitions don't mean much unless the Pullman Company wants to use them themselves. I will keep in touch with you and advise on any important matters.

Yours fraternally

March 9, 1927

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am enclosing herewith a statement of the financial situation in the local division from February 5 - February 28, inc. The last report made by Mr. Allimono covered the situation up until Saturday March 5. This report bring it down to the 28th of February. I will make a report of this character on the last day of each month, and I think it will enable your auditors to compare with your reports there and keep a close check on the situation out here. I am sending this first one to you in order that you might look over it and suggest any changes that you might deem advisable; but hereafter I will forward them direct to Lancaster.

I also enclose under separate cover, application for bonds for brother Clark and myself. I think it advisable that this matter be taken care of through your office, and you determine the amount of bond necessary.

There are a few more dollars been turned in on the dance. There are a good many tickets out yet, and after the Ladies' Auxiliary meets next Thursday night, I will mail your office a complete report. There will be a little surplus, but the result is very disappointing.

I received a letter from "Dad" Moore yesterday, and he informs me that through the efforts of the stool pigeons in Oakland, they have been able to get most of the boys to stay away from his place; with a consequent financial loss to him. He informs me that his condition is critical. I have posted a bulletin on our bulletin board reminding the men of the work that has been accomplished by "Dad" for the Brotherhood, and urging them when in town to stop at his place. It might help him some if the same suggestion was run in the Messenger magazine next month.

Things are moving along in pretty good shape, and I am going to conduct a campaign for the next week or ten days by distributing circulars and other printed matter in the street. We have several men out of work here, and if we can give them a day or two work distributing circulars, it will put them in a much better spirit. Will advise you of any important developments.

Yours fraternally

M. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

MPW:IME

March 10, 1927

Dad Moore,
517 Wood St.,
Oakland, Calif.

My old friend "Dad":

Received your communication today, and I am doing my utmost to bring to the attention of the men in both of the districts that you referred to, and I think we will be able to get some measure of response. I have also written Bradley of St. Louis, and Totten of Kansas City, requesting them to do the same thing in their territory. I called Brother Randolph's attention to your condition out there and suggested that he run an ad in the Messenger next month. So keep up the good work, and I think that when all the pressure is brought to bear on the boys they will rally to your support. However, I would like to be advised from time to time as to how you are getting along as to whether or not you are being given any additional support from the men. Rest assured that I am always willing to do anything in my power to make it easier for you.

Yours fraternally

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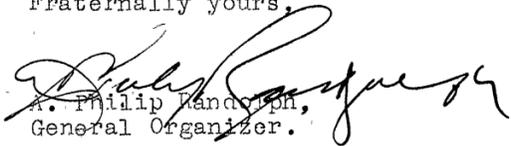
Dear Brother Webster:

Your letter of the 8th inst. received and contents therein carefully noted. I feel that your work on the dance will not be in vain although your proceeds were negligible. The propaganda value is not to be under-rated. I am sorry the Ladies Auxiliary did not co-operate with you more fully. I am glad to know that Brother Clark is falling right into the work effectively. I think that the dues and assessments will begin to come in more briskly with improved road conditions and as a result of our steady hammering with our propaganda on the men to live up to their obligations.

I have requested Mr. Richberg to inquire from Mr. Morrow just about when a resumption of our case will take place. I wish, however, that you would keep tabs on the time which Mr. Morrow will be there, so that if necessary you may go in and inquire about the status of the case. It may be that Mr. Richberg may prefer your talking with Mr. Morrow instead of himself as to the time the next step will be taken by the Board on our case. If he does, I will let you know so that you can go in to see Mr. Morrow. You need not spend any time trying to see Mr. Webb, since there is nothing very material which he can tell us that we don't know anyway.

Everything goes splendidly forward. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


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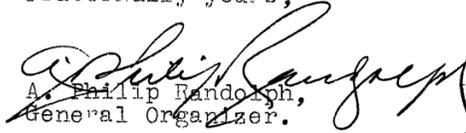
Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that the work moves promisingly forward. I had a splendid talk with Frank P. Walsh today, and he is very optimistic as to the outcome of our case. I am hoping to get a word from the Mediation Board very soon now, so that I will be able to give you some news. I am getting some forces in action that will bring about an early action, although it is the opinion of Mr. Robertson of the Locomotive Enginemen and Firemen that we have made splendid headway and can't expect to go any faster. However, I want to see things moving a little more rapidly, and I think it will very soon.

I hope you are getting back to yourself after the loss of your dear mother. I assure you that all of the men are earnestly solicitous and sympathetic for you in your hour of bereavement.

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CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR
PORTERS

WEEK ENDING MARCH 12th, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Date	Name	Amount	Total	Gen. \$1322.00
Mar 7	Marshall Campbell	5.00	5.00	
8	W. H. Swagerty	5.00	15.00	
	I. N. Brown	10.00	10.00	
9	Chas Bass	10.00		30.00
	Total for week ending March 12, 1927			\$ 1352.00

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WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

DATE	NAME	AMOUNT	TOTAL	GEN.
	Total for week ending March 12, 1927			\$1322.00
Mar. 7	Marshall Campbell	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	
8	W. H. Swagerty	5.00		
	I. N. Brown	10.00	15.00	
9	Chas. Bass	10.00	10.00	30.00
	Total for week ending March 12, 1927			\$1352.00

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Date
Mar

Week Ending Mar 12, 1927.

	Postage	Tape	Org. Hk.	Travel	Office Supp.	Tax	Printing	Total
7	.49		42			40		1.31
8			124			15		139
9			54			25		79
10	53		144			20		217
11	100		253			45		398
12								
	2.03		617			1.45		9.64

Voucher # 68
Check # 463

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES

WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1927

Date

Mar.

	Postage	Taxi	Org. Wk	Wires	Office Supp.	Tel.	Printing	Total
7	.49		.42			.40		1.31
8			1.24			.15		1.39
9			.54			.25		.79
10	.53		1.44			.20		2.17
11	1.00		2.53			.45		3.98
12								

2.02

6.17

1.45

9.64

Recapitulation -----

Postage ----- \$ 2.02
 Organization Work ----- 6.17
 Telephone ----- 1.45
 Total ----- \$ 9.64

Voucher # 68.
 Check #463.



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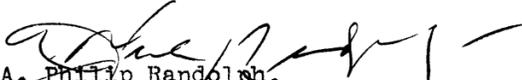
My dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that I am in possession of some confidential information that the Brotherhood's case will receive adequate hearing in the very near future. Some delay, however, I have been told, must necessarily intervene because of the few mediators who are active on the cases that precede ours. I cannot write the source of my information, as it may go astray, but we are absolutely sure of getting our case fully and properly considered in the not distant future, and you may so inform the men of this fact, so that they may be encouraged to hold out and hold on as we are bound to reap our reward in due season.

Quite a bit of work has been going on by some of the powerful forces in the country in our behalf, and I am informed that we need have no fear about the fact that our matter will be thoroughly taken up by the Board.

The work moves promisingly forward. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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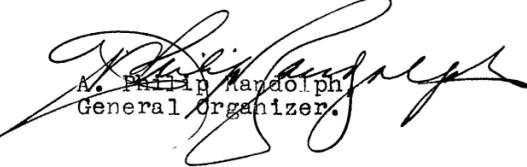
Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that in meeting the men who may ask about the delay of the United States Mediation Board, you may inform them that it has been occasioned very largely by the fact that two of the members who were appointed by President Coolidge are inactive owing to the fact that one has died and the other has resigned on account of ill health. Thus only three out of the five mediators have been working on cases which necessarily cause delay. I have been assured, however, through confidential sources that our case will be reached very shortly, and that special effort is being made on our matter.

Thus the men must take heart and courage and work and not grow weary, fight and not faint, as we are sure to reap our reward in due season.

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March 18, 1927

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Received all your communications of recent date. I am glad to learn of the confidential information that you disclosed to me in your last two letters, and it certainly is welcome news as we seem to be at this time, in a rather difficult situation due largely to the fact that a large majority of the men are unfamiliar with the work of this character, and consequently are inclined to become impatient; and inasmuch as there is nothing definite that you can disclose to the men it makes the situation rather delicate to handle. However, I keep constantly plugging, and feel that I can keep sufficient spirit aroused in the men until we are able to make the announcement of the date of the hearing.

There has been a considerable slump in the dues and other income here more recently, and upon making an extensive inquiry among the membership, I find it is due largely to the fact that there seems to be a period of dull business among the boys on the road and in this territory the men on what have been considered the best runs are not making any money. But I am continuing to press the work as vigorously as I can, because I realize the fact that we can't let up for one moment. I have two kinds of circulars struck, a copy of which you will find enclosed, and am continuing the meetings nightly as heretofore, and they are pretty well attended -- although it makes it rather strenuous for me since we are in the midst of a very bitter political campaign here, but the spirit of the Brotherhood must be kept up consequently, I will give as much time as I possibly can in order that that this division might be able to give the Brotherhood support commensurate in its size.

In regard to the dance, I am glad to advise that it was not as disappointing as I first thought, and I find that we have today a profit of \$69.75, which has been credited to the account here as cash received. I will send a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements with the weekly report tomorrow.

Also please note that we have this week made an advancement of \$40.00 to Brother George W. Hamilton. I have experienced a little difficulty in handling this matter of contributions to discharged men, and in an effort to alleviate the situation I have asked the Committee to take up the individual cases of the men who so apply and

Mr. A. Philip Randolph ---2.

March 18, 1927

Their decision prevails. It relieves the situation of a personal element that some of those disgruntled fellows have been inclined to inject into the matter. In fact the Committee had decided to use the balance of the fund that was raised for furnishing up the place for that purpose. They also intended to get the funds from the Ladies' Auxiliary to be used for that purpose, but it created such a furore among the women that for the time being, at least, it won't be pressed any further. Unfortunately, I was not able to be present at the joint meeting of the Committee of men and women and they as a consequence did not have the matter thoroughly explained to them, but I think when they appreciate the significance of the situation that they will readily agree to turn the money over.

Brother Slater has just arrived at the office, and informed me that the news is being circulated today that he, Slater, and Ford of New York are the next two men slated to go. Of course, it may be just a smoke screen, but it comes from the same old source as all of the other propaganda.

We are having a social warping party at the Headquarters tomorrow night, and intend to inaugurate some permanent social lecture around here with a view of creating a sufficient interest to get the men to come around in larger numbers -- and also in an effort to furnish an outlet for the ladies in their efforts to raise funds to assist the organization.

I have sent you a number of copies of statements from men who have been discharged and disciplined. Please advise as to whether or not they were received. I will keep in touch with you and advise as to any new developments in regard to our case that can be obtained here in Chicago.

Yours fraternally

M. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

Enc.
M.P.:M.P.

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

DATE	NAME	AMOUNT	TOTAL	GEN.
	Total for week ending March 12, 1927	-----	-----	\$1352.00
Mar. 14	Geo. W. Smith /	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	
16	Frank Stanley /	5.00 Bal.	5.00	7.50
	Total for week ending March 19, 1927	-----	-----	\$1359.50

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES

WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 1927

Date

Mar.

	Postage	Taxi	Org. Wrk.	Wires	Office Supp.	Tel.	Printing	Total
14	1.04		3.34			.10		4.48
15			.28			.20		.48
16			.21			.15		.36
17			1.35			.25		1.60
18			.37			.25		.62
19								
	1.04		5.55			.95		7.54

Recapitulation -----

Postage ----- \$1.04
 Organization Work ----- 5.55
 Telephone ----- .95
 Total ----- \$7.54

Voucher #69.
 Check #477.

Week Ending March 19, 1957.

Date
Mar

	Postage	Taxi	Org H.	Hires	Office Supp.	Tel.	Auto	Total
14	49 55		300 37 MOH			10		4.48
15			28			20		.48
16			21			15		.36
17			135			75		1.60
18			37			25		.62
19								
	1.04		555			95		7.54

Voucher # 69.

Check # 477.

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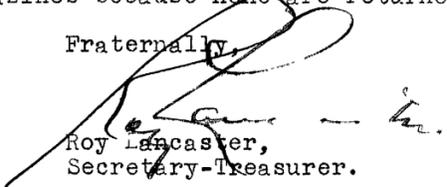
Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Just received your letter with blanks enclosed for which accept our thanks. Your report also came in this morning but I have not had a chance as yet to go into it.

I am having prepared a statement of the stands in Chicago together with information on advertisements to send Clark in regard to the Messenger. I have been thinking that it might be a good thing to find somebody else to handle the Messenger if Clark hasn't time. Of course, you know better about than I. We have not received a payment from the Messenger since the September issue although they have regularly been sent to all the stands as listed. I understand that Price made certain collections, but what and from whom we have no idea. If Clark finds it convenient to get a check up on all the stands as listed we would appreciate it very much. I am certain that some of the stands have not paid for the last four or five months and I am equally certain that they all get their magazines because none are returned.

Fraternally,


Roy Lancaster,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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March 21, 1927

Mr. Donald R. Richberg,
360 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Richberg:

Just a word to assure you of my deep interest in the matter you raised relative to the pending mayoralty campaign of Chicago. I think your conclusions are quite sound. My cursory examination of the political situation in Chicago caused me some time ago to conclude that Mr. Thompson represents the most undesirable elements there.

Relative to the attitude of the Brotherhood officials toward the candidates in the campaign, may I say that they are largely Thompson men; in fact, I don't know one who is otherwise. I have never gone into the relative merits of the candidates with them, and I feel that they are such ardent Thompson men that nothing could change them at this time. It seems that the liberal patronage which some Negro politicians have received from Thompson is responsible for this strong though harmful and mistaken fealty of Negroes in Chicago,

There is a group of young colored men in Chicago, however, who are relentlessly fighting Thompson's election. They are very good friends of mine. They are Messrs. Chandler Owen and C. Francis Stratford of 2 East 31st Street. Mr. Owen is a co-editor of the Messenger Magazine. They are interested in the election of John Dill Robertson. Both are brilliant and able fighters.

I certainly hope that Chicago will be spared the social and political blight of another Thompson regime, for he is obviously a menace to decent government.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Your letter of the 18th inst. received. May I say that I received the copies of statements of discharged men which I greatly appreciate. I also received the questionnaire on the Plan. I can see from general reports everywhere that what you say about the poor conditions on the road is correct. I think this fact ought to stimulate the men to fight for the Brotherhood, inasmuch as they see that by depending upon tips they are in a hopeless predicament. If they were getting a living wage they would not be hard hit by the slump in travel.

I think your plan of having the Committee handle the contributions to unemployed men is a splendid one.

I shall advise Brother Slater and Ford to be quite cautious to avoid victimization. Of course, it may be a mere rumor as you say.

I am glad you are pushing the meetings, for it is quite natural that there will arise considerable impatience because of the delay with the Mediation Board. I am getting out some bulletins which I will send you forthwith. Everything goes promisingly forward. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

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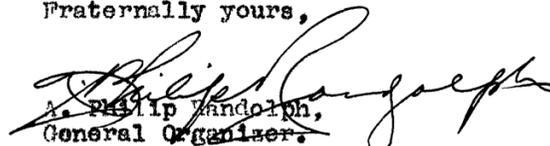
My dear Brother Webster:

Find enclosed a complete statement on the Citizens Committee of One Hundred of New York which comprises some of the most prominent and notable people of America. Powerful in their influence and far-reaching in their interest, it indicates the great appeal the Brotherhood has to the public spirited citizens of America. This group is determined to see that justice is done the Pullman porters. But however much they may be willing to aid us, their aid will be inevitable unless the porters themselves are resolved to win. Therefore, may I urge you to let the men know that victory lies in their own hands, and we are bound to secure it if we hold fast and hold on.

We have not waited on the Mediation Board any longer than other groups. We have not been required to sacrifice nearly so much as other groups. Thus may we take on renewed courage with an unconquerable resolution to go onward, forward and upward with the banner of solidarity of the Brotherhood.

Our waiting on the Board is due to the fact that only three of the original five members appointed are now active - one died and one resigned because of illness. I have confidential information, however, that our case will be fully and completely heard very shortly. Meanwhile, urge every man to pay his dues and assessment, so that we will not be weighed in the balance and found wanting when the clock strikes our hour for the Board to call upon us for a reckoning.

Fraternally yours,


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General Organizer.

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March 22, 1927

"Dad" Moore,
517 Wood St.,
Oakland, Cal.

Dear "Dad":

I have just received some information that the Pullman Company has hired around 300 new men in Oakland and San Francisco, and I understand that they are placing them in various other lines of work. The information comes from in a rather indirect way, and I wish you would investigate and find out whether there is anything to the rumor.

Everything moves well in Chicago. Will write you later.

Fraternally yours

M. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

MPW:IMW

March 23, 1927.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Your letter of the 21st at hand, and contents carefully noted. In regard to the matter of having the Committee handle the funds advanced to discharged members, the Committee met jointly with the Ladies' Auxiliary, with a view of getting their cooperation and consolidating the funds of the two bodies as well as providing some systematic method of raising funds to take care of that item. With that end in view, it was suggested to the ladies that the bulk of their funds, which I understand was around \$130.00 be turned over to the treasurer of the Committee. It met with much disfavor among the women, and they don't seem to feel that their funds should be turned over -- yet they offer no constructive suggestions as to how they should assist the Brotherhood. It has created quite a delicate situation here, and I will do my best to get it straightened out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Our open house affair last Saturday night was a decided success. The headquarters was crowded with men and women with the result of about \$40.00 paid in in dues on that night, and I think that as the affairs continue from week to week, they will become more popular with the incidental additional benefit to the organization.

I would like to be advised as to what is the policy of the organization on this new shoe-shining proposition that is being submitted to the men. I don't see how whatever attitude the men take it could affect the organization anyhow, but the instructions to porters from the various divisions should be harmonious hence, I would appreciate your advice.

The dues income this week looked as though they may improve over last week's income, as we started off the first day with \$65.00. I am laying special stress on the payment of dues and the assessment. Our meetings are still fairly well attended, and I think that the circular that we are distributing here is having its effect. The announcement made to the men, as per your previous instructions, doesn't seem to have much affect on stimulating the interest, and I don't think any announcement that we can make at this time will until we can announce a definite date that the hearing is to be held. Two more men were discharged here last week. The discharged

Mr. A. Philip Randolph ---2.

March 23, 1927.

men are becoming rather burdensome here. Had another application just yesterday for assistance. Fortunately, in the past I have been able to handle the cases of most of the men by giving them a dollar or two dollars cash to satisfy their immediate needs; but these men are family men and consequently their needs are far greater than the small sums that I could give to single men. However, we are pushing the work here as strenuously as we can in an effort to build up a permanent income from dues. I am also making every effort that I possibly can to keep the expenses at a minimum. I tried for a while to eliminate the item of local publicity, but the situation here is such that I felt it necessary to get as much matter as possible among the men here inasmuch as they won't come to the organization, we have to take the organization to the men.

Had a little chat with C. W. Robinson today and he advises me that Webb now occupies a berth with the Bings Bank at a compensation far in excess of what he was getting from the P. O. B. A., and in view of the conversation that I had with Webb sometime ago I am of the opinion that the entire matter was deliberate.

I find that it is a fact the business on the road is very dull among the boys now, and it has its natural reflections on our income. I am also advised that on several runs out of Chicago the men are not required to report to the yards, saving in some instances as much as three hours of a man's time. I will try to get some definite information as to just what runs this new system was inaugurated on and the actual time that is really saved.

Please have us some dues stamps sent here as our supply is getting rather low, and we want to be able to take care of any rush that might occur. Everything is going along here about as well as we could expect. I will advise you of any important developments.

Yours fraternally

M. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

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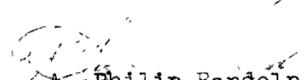
Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that I am speaking at the National Urban League Conference on the "Trade Union Movement and the Negro" on the 1st of April, and I plan to stop in Chicago on my return to the East, so that I may speak to a meeting which you may arrange. I would suggest that you plan the meeting just as you are already conducting in the same quarters for the 4th of April. I won't be able to have any more than one meeting.

The work moves promisingly forward.

Very sincerely yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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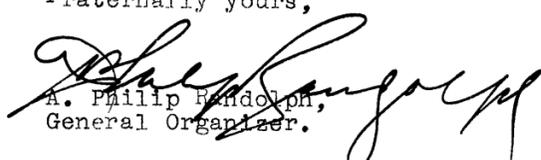
Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that Mrs. Ella Jones, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, had sent in a letter requesting me to accept her resignation, and I did so; but I have just received a letter from her stating that the Ladies Auxiliary refused to accept her resignation, that they want her to go on with the work, so I have written her to the effect that I am glad to know that she has decided to do so and that the ladies want her to continue.

I wish that you would keep in close touch with the Auxiliary and give them a talk from time to time in order that they may hold fast to the principles of the Brotherhood and that they will not tend to drift into unrelated fields of thought and action. They will need constant talking to on the aims and purposes of the Brotherhood, and they can be of great force and influence if you can get them thoroughly to understand and appreciate the mission of the Movement. I hope to go over this matter with you when I see you on April 4th.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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March 25, 1927

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Your communication of the 22nd inst., received, also the enclosed publicity on the Citizens' Committee. Suggestions contained therein relative to the cooperation of the men themselves are noted and I might say we have carried on the program with that end in view around here for quite some time. The problem here seems to be that of getting the men to attend the meetings. We have had some success, but not as much as we should have at this stage of the game. Brother Clark has established a regular route now where Pullman porters congregate, such as the Yards, pool-rooms, cigar stores, stores and other hang-outs; and we constantly keep feeding the men the propaganda of the organization, and urging them to come out and attend the meetings. I think our Saturday night social function will be a means whereby we can attract a large number of men whom we otherwise could not attract.

Our receipts this week apparently will not be any larger than those of last week, but we will continue to hammer on them, and I think we will eventually be able to build up a permanent income of dues here that will be really worth while.

Brother Ford informed me last night you anticipated arriving here around the 3rd or 4th, and that you wanted to have a meeting of the men at night and a meeting of the ministers in the afternoon. I am suggesting that if it doesn't too much interfere with your plans to postpone the date of these meetings to any date after April 5th, as we are here in Chicago now engaged in a very bitter and intensive political fight, and conditions are such that I would not be available to handle a meeting anytime so close to the election as the 3rd or 4th. After that date, I will have plenty of time to devote to the Brotherhood, whichever way the election goes. As soon as you advise as to what date after the 5th I will be get in direct touch with these ministers, with a view of carrying out your instructions. Received your bulletin containing the matter on shoe shining. I am satisfied that most of the men will answer the question as you suggest without any coaching. I will keep you informed of any important developments here.

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Oakland, Calif. 3-26-1927.

Mr M.P. Webster.
Chicago Organizer.
3118 Giles ave,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear brother Webster:

Yours of the 22nd inst to hand, contents carefully noted, I was glad to hear from you, but was surprised to hear such a false statement had reached your office, the held truth is the Pullman Company have let out One Hundred Men at Richmond shop and are cutting down on electrician and also the yard force, I am in a position to tell you that all this is untrue, as a rule they always hire men around this season of the year as you knew, It was very gratifying to that out of the steel pigeon went to two churches here on the coast and asked the Pastor to make a statement, saying that he wanted make statement for the benefit of the public that the Pullman Company was hiring men, at once the Pastor caught him by the coat and said Now my dear sir get out of this church at once I knew what your for you are here to fight the B.S.C.P. Organization get; get out. the man was Steel pigeon Ben Robinson of Portland. We also protest the safty meeting at a Baptist Church here and the meeting was so different to what the men expected that all the said that they went to the meeting with a chip on their shoulder and they had to take them off as the meeting was in our favor, no complaint to make at all, I trust this letter will find you well, I am feeling much better, Brother Jones join me in sending love to you and the brothers and members of the B.S.C.P.

I am as ever your old friend.

Dad Moore.

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ORGANIZER, S.F.

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Dgts	Name	Amount	Total	Gen
				\$1359.50
Mar 21	T. H. Howell	10.00		
	Wm F Martin	10.00	20.00	
23	Julius Hague	5.00		
	B. F. Hague	5.00	10.00	30.00
	Total for week ending March 26, 1927			\$1389.50

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH.

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 1927

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

DATE	NAME	AMOUNT	TOTAL	GEN.
	TOTAL for week ending March 19, 1927	-----		\$1359.50
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	Wm. F. Martin /	10.00	\$20.00	
	Julius Hogue /	5.00 Bal.		
	B. F. Hogue /	5.00	10.00	30.00
	Total for week ending March 26, 1927	-----		\$1389.50

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES

WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 1927

Date
Mar.

	Postage	Taxi	Org. Wrk.	Wires	Office Supp.	Tel.	Printing	Total
21	.56		4.56			.15		5.27
22			.35			.15		.50
23	.20		1.35			.25		1.80
24			.56			.20		.76
25			2.42			.15		2.57
26								
	.76		9/24			.90		10.90

Recapitulation -----

Postage ----- \$.76
 Organization Work ----- 9.24
 Telephone ----- .90
 Total ----- \$10.90

Voucher #70.
 Check #479.

Check Expending Mar. 26 - 1927

Date	Postage	Taxi	Eng. Wks	Hires	Office Supp.	Tel.	Prtg.	Total
21	.56		4.56			.15		5.27
22			.35			.15		.50
23	.20		1.35			.25		1.80
24			.56			.20		.76
25			2.42			.15		2.57
26								

.76 9.24 90 10.90
 Voucher # 70 1.66
 Check # 479

March 26, 1927.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Received your wire today and will make arrangements for the women's meeting on the 5th and the men's meeting on the 6th. I will also try to arrange to have the preachers in here on the afternoon of the 6th. With one or two exceptions they haven't felt very kindly toward this movement here in Chicago, but we may be able to break the ice. I have already written the president of the Ministers' Alliance, and will address communication to the individual ministers next week.

I just had a little chat with Mr. Foster of the Urban League here, who informed me that you will speak before their National Conference in St. Louis. They are planning some meetings here in Chicago, following the conference in St. Louis, and if possible, I will try to make some connection for the Brotherhood. I understand that Claude Barnett of the Hoebie Jobie is in charge of the Industrial program here in Chicago -- that being the case, we can't expect any extra consideration. However, Foster is a very clean cut young man and I am satisfied that he is sympathetic with the movement and will give us a break if possible.

Everything is moving along in fairly good shape. Please me in advance if there will be any change in your plans.

Yours fraternally

M. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

MP :THE

Telephone BRAdhurst 0454



General Organizer
A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
Editor "The Messenger" Magazine

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March 26, 1927

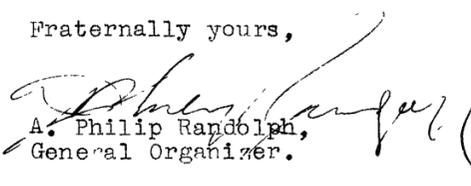
Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

You may arrange the meeting for me on the 6th since Brother Ford tells me that you prefer this date. I would like for you to also arrange a meeting for me with the Ladies Auxiliary for the 5th, so that I may talk to them about their organizational efforts. I am glad to know that the meetings are proving to be a success. It would seem that they are since you are collecting \$40.00 in dues. Reports from different sections of the country indicate general bad times on the road. I suppose you are right in your deduction that Mr. Webb's berth in the bank is more to be desired than his P. P. B. A. job.

Everything moves promisingly forward. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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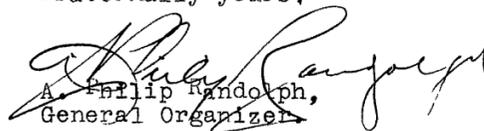
Dear Brother Webster:

I shall be glad to meet the ministers if you are able to get them together. As to speaking for the Chicago Urban League, I doubt whether that will be possible, since Mr. Barnett is in charge of the industrial program, which really means that the Pullman Company is in charge of it.

I, too, feel that Mr. Foster is a fine young man and is sincerely interested in our cause. However, you may plan any meeting you desire during my time there.

Everything moves promisingly forward.
Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer

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Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to inform you that our accountant advises we resume the monthly audit of your office in order that we may have a monthly picture of the status of the main centers of the Brotherhood. Under quarterly audit plan, the monthly audits made by the accountant here are quite inadequate because of the absence of the Chicago reports. While it will cost a little more, it makes the audits here more complete.

Hence, I should like to have you let Mr. Allimono come in the first of April and make the audit covering the months that he skipped, together with this month.

Since you will be quite busy at this time, I wish you would instruct Brother Clark how to work with Mr. Allimono.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph
General Organizer.

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March 28, 1927.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Your letters of the 25th and 26th inst., at hand, and I wish to advise that I have already made arrangements for a meeting with the ladies on the 5th and a meeting with the men on the 6th. I am also extending an invitation to the preachers to come into the Headquarters at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 6th. I don't know if any will respond, but I will ask them to advise me as to whether they will be here or not, so that if possible, we might get some idea before the date as to whether to expect anybody or not.

Relative to Mrs. Jones, I was advised that she intended to resign if certain policies were insisted upon relative to the Ladies' Auxiliary. However, I had not heard that the membership has refused to accept her resignation. I keep in close touch with the Ladies' Organization at all times, and attend most every meeting and try as far as possible to direct their attention to the importance of the movement of the Brotherhood and keep out all reference to all immaterial and straggling matters, but the Auxiliary is handicapped on account of lack of membership and consequently a few misguided, disgruntled persons are in a position to keep up a continual uproar among the small group of women who are loyal to the cause with the ultimate disgusting of other well meaning women; and I think a little plain, ordinary, straightforward to those involved will clarify the situation. The Committee was of the opinion that in the interest of working for the purpose of raising funds to defray the local expense, that the women would be willing to work in harmony with them and combine the funds of the two bodies with that end in view, but it met with such an upheaval of disapproval on the part of the women that apparently, nothing will be accomplished. However, I am of the opinion that bulk of the funds raised by the Ladies' Auxiliary, which are largely due to the efforts of the men's organization, should be turned into the financial secretary here as are all other Brotherhood funds; and have so informed Mrs. Jones and the ladies and I don't think you will have any difficulty in straightening the situation out. However, we will go into that matter thoroughly when you come out. Everything else is moving along in the usual shape.

Fraternally yours

March 29, 1927

Mr. Roy Lancaster,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Lancaster:

Your letter of recent date received and contents noted. However, there are a few things I do not understand. I would like to know what is the commission on collections from the stands, on the subscriptions and also on advertising.

I shall await your reply before proceeding any further.

Fraternally yours

Geo. W. Clark,
Secy. - Treas.

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GRAND LODGE
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES
CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 29, 1927

Mr. W. Philip Randolph, Gen. Organizer,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porter,
2311 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communications of the 16th and 18th ult., and copy of letter received from the U. S. Board of Mediation, with reference to the controversy which is pending between your organization and the Pullman Company.

I had an opportunity to talk with Col. Winslow and Mr. Morrow with reference to your pending controversy and they are using their best endeavors to work out the problem but state they have met with many obstacles, which has made it very hard for them to get any action with the Pullman Company. They hope, however, that they will be able to advise you definitely in the very near future of what they may be able to accomplish.

Trusting that there may be a satisfactory outcome of the dispute, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. N. Hoak,
Acting President.



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Secretary-Treasurer
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Special Organizer
FRANK R CROSSWAITH
Field Representative
S E GRAIN

March 30, 1927

Dear Friend and Brother:

Since January 1st, the Brotherhood has enrolled practically 1000 members, and they continue to flow in despite the activities of the Company stool-pigeons and the opposition forces. This indicates that the men are becoming more and more committed to the principles and ideals of the Brotherhood; infact, it is quite evident that the Pullman Company is upon the verge of surrender, realizing that the Brotherhood has wor hands down and that the men are manifesting that spirit of stability which will conquer any opponent especially when our cause is just.

It is the opinion of Donald R. Richberg that it will not be very long before we get our complete and full hearing with the United States Mediation Board. Some delay has been inevitable, but if we fight and faint not, and not weary of well doing, we are certain to reap our reward in due season.

I wish you would supply me with the following information as per form enclosed as soon as you can. I will need this matter for our negotiation proceedings.

Permit me to congratulate you on your fine and noble work. Keep up the good fight. FORWARD TO VICTORY

Faithfully yours,

A. Philip Randolph
A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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March 31, 1927

"Dad Moore,
517 Wood St.,
Oakland, Cal.

My dear friend "Dad":

I was glad to receive your communication and get the information that the report that was circulated here relative to the Company hiring a large number of men in that territory was incorrect. I didn't think there was anything to it, but I know that if there was anything unusual going on in Oakland you would know about it.

I am also glad to know that you are improving both in health and other things that you are interested in. I made it very plain to the boys that they are obligated to support you on account of the work that you have accomplished for the Brotherhood; and I think some of them at least will respond. However, you can advise me as to what result is accomplished from the effort put forth.

Brother Randolph will be here next week, and we expect to liven things up quite a bit in this territory. He is speaking in St. Louis Sunday and will hold two or three meetings here on his way east. I think that will stimulate the interest here to a great extent. We are still pressing the work here as usual, and I am satisfied that when the case comes up for the next hearing the men will rally to the cause in large numbers. The men here are very enthusiastic, and the propaganda that is being disseminated by the "steal pigeons" is not serving its purpose. The Brotherhood is bound to win, and if we stick with the ship a little longer we will be sure to see some material results.

Everybody here sends their best regards, and tell the boys that the information that we get here from all parts of the country indicates that the rank and file of the Pullman porters are behind the movement to put it over big. Let me hear from you at an early date.

Yours fraternally

M. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

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STATEMENT
 FINANCIAL CONDITION OF
 BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
 from
 MARCH 1, 1927 - MARCH 31, 1927 inc.

RECEIPTS

Dues -----	\$369.00	
Assessment -----	105.00	
Full Paid Application Fee -----	10.00	
Part Paid Application Fee -----	9.50	
Balance Paid Application Fee -----	14.50	
Collections -----	178.00	
Total Receipts -----		\$686.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Publicity -----	\$37.57	
Office Supplies -----	.25	
Organization Work -----	33.11	
Salary -----	232.00	
Commission -----	5.70	
General -----	177.75	
Total Outside Disbursements -----		486.38
Remittance to New York Home Office -----	192.62	
Total Disbursements -----		\$679.00

Balance on Hand Feb. 28 -----	\$198.50	
Total cash received from Feb. 28 - March 31, inc. -----	686.00	
Total cash to be accounted for -----		884.50
Disbursements -----		679.00
Balance on Hand April 1 -----		<u>\$205.50</u>

BANK STATEMENT

Bank Balance March 31 -----		\$281.31
Outstanding Checks:		
454 -----	\$60.00	
483 -----	30.81	
484 -----	4.00	
Balance -----		94.81
Receipts March 31 deposited April 1 -----	19.00	<u>\$186.50</u>
CASH ON HAND APRIL 1 -----		<u>\$205.50</u>

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Date	Name	Amount	Total	Gen.
				\$1389.50
Mar 28	Geo. W. Smith	2.50	2.50	
Mar 31	Wm Henry Gowens	5.00	5.00	7.50
	Total for week ending April 2, 1927			<u>\$1397.00</u>

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 1927

MEMO OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES

Date
Mar.
Apri

	Postage	Taxi	Org. Wrk	Wires	Office Supp.	Tel.	Printing	Total
28	.43		.28			.20		.91
29			.45		.15	.40		1.00
30	1.00		.35			.15		1.50
31			.45			.20		.65
1			.35			.10		.45
2			.20					.20
	1.43		2.08		.15	1.05		4.71

Recapitulation -----

Postage ----- \$ 1.43
 Organization Work ----- 2.08
 Office Supplies ----- .15
 Telephone ----- 1.05
 Total ----- \$ 4.71

Voucher #71.
 Check #490.

Truck Expenses

Wet.
Mar.
Apr.

	Postage	Tape	Graph	Phone	Supp.	Fuel	Totals
28	43		28			20	.91
29			45		15	40	1.00
30	100		35			15	1.50
31			45			20	.65
1			35			10	.45
2			20				.20

1.43 2.08 15 1.05 4.71

2.48

= 490.

Oakland, Calif. April, 4th, 1927.

Mr M.P. Webster:
Chicago Organizer.
3118 Giles ave,
Chicago. Illinois
My dear brother Webster:

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you, things is all right here in this district, I am always glad to hear from you. I am glad to know that Mr Randolph will be with you on the 6th, I am after all of the men that dont pay their dues, I tell them that they aught to be ashame of thmselves . I am going to stick to the ship if she go down I will be on the head end. I am the same old Dad Meere, give my regards to brother Randolph. I am feeling find I will write you a leng letter later.
All from your old friend and Brother ,

Dad Meere, S.F. Organizer.
517 Weed Street. Oakland, Calif.

Date

April

	Postage	Taxi	Number	Hours	Price	Total	Per	Cost
8			21		2.00	20		3.06
9								

Vehicle # 13
498

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 1927

MEMO OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES

Date Apr.	Postage	Taxi	Org. Wrk.	Wires	Office Supp.	Tel.	Printing	Total
4	.43		4.93			.20		5.56
5		1.35	1.28			.15		2.78
6		1.35	2.86	3.08		.25		7.54
7		1.35	.28	1.08	.70	.25		3.66
8								
9								
	.43	4.05	9.35	4.16	.70	.80		19.54

Recapitulation -----

Postage -----	\$.43
Taxi -----	4.05
Organization Work -----	9.35
Wires -----	4.16
Office Supplies -----	.70
Telephone -----	.80
Total -----	\$ 19.54

Voucher #72.
Check #493.

Week Ending April 9 - 1934

Date	Postage	Tape	Orig Hb	Vouch	Office Supp	Tes	Pat.	Total
4	43		²⁰⁰⁺¹⁰⁰ 262 31			20		5.56
5		1.35	1.28			15		2.78
6		1.35	2.86	308		25		7.54
7		1.35	2.8	108	70	25		3.66
8								
9								

43 4.05 9.35 41.6 70 85 19.54

Voucher # 72.544

Checks # 493.

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 1927

MEMO OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES

Date
Apr.

	Postage	Taxi	Org. Wk.	Wires	Office Supp.	Tel.	Printing	Total
8			.21		2.65	.20		3.06
9			.21		2.65	.20		3.06

Recapitulation -----

Organization Work -----	\$.21
Office Supplies -----	2.65
Telephone -----	.20
Total -----	\$ 3.06

Voucher # 73.
Check # 498.

April 11, 1927

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Things are moving along in pretty good shape since you left here. Everybody is very well pleased with the success of the meeting last Wednesday night. We also had a nice gathering at the Saturday night function, and I intend to put things on at full speed, in order that you may have the maximum enthusiasm crowded by the time that the case is heard.

I am sending a letter out today to the membership here, and we are holding a special meeting next Thursday night, for both the men and women organizations, and I have been successful in inducing Miss Lilye H. Coleman, an organizer of the International Garment Workers Union, to address the meeting. She has had considerable experience in the labor union movement, and is well versed in all phases of the work. I am satisfied that she will make a constructive talk. In this connection I might call your attention to the enclosed leaflet. Miss Coleman is the secretary of an organization styled as The Chicago Committee for the Promotion of Trade Unions among Negro Workers. I think the leaflet is self-explanatory. I attended one of the meetings a few nights ago, and found that several bona fide labor union officials were members of the committee, and working with Miss Coleman in an effort to conduct a campaign of education. In my opinion, I think they are doing a big work and I have offered my assistance and co-operation.

I am also in receipt of some literature from The International Railroad Amalgamation Committee. From what I get from their literature, it is a committee composed of representatives of the various Railroad Unions whose purpose is to bring about an amalgamation of all of various organized crafts on railroads, as well as to organize the unorganized workers on railroads. Mr. O. H. Wengerin is the secretary-treasurer of the Committee located here in Chicago. He is connected with the Railway Clerk's Union, and hails from Minnesota, where he informs me he had been of some assistance to Brother Caldwell in St. Paul in getting him the co-operation of some of the white labor unions in that territory. He informs me that the Railroad Unions are particularly interested in organizing the Negro workers who are unorganized, and that several of the large International Railroad Unions anticipate the elimination of the discriminatory clauses in their Constitution at their next convention. In fact, he informs me that the Railroad Unions, particularly the Shop Crafts, are convinced that their cause is hopeless without the Negro

Mr. A. Philip Randolph -----2/

April 11, 1927

worker. They are also conducting a very strenuous campaign against the Company Union, and I understand they are very much alarmed, and I think justly so, on account of the rapid growth of the Company Union in the last ten years. I will send you some of their literature under separate cover, so that you can judge for yourself just what they are planning to do.

The ladies were down Saturday night, and some of the most antagonistic seemed to be willing to go along with us now. The dues income last week showed some increase over the previous week, and during this next period of acting I intend to talk to every man individually on the matter of paying his assessment and dues.

I discussed that matter with Allinone, but will not touch upon the cost until I get the definite figures from you as to what the previous arrangement was with him. I informed him however, that he will be expected to deal with this office, with the exception of course of forwarding to you reports on the financial situation as you desire.

We are looking forward to a very successful campaign during this series of meetings. Give my kindest regards to all of the eastern brothers.

Yours fraternally

H. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

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Telephone BRAdhurst 0454



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2311 SEVENTH AVENUE
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April 12, 1927

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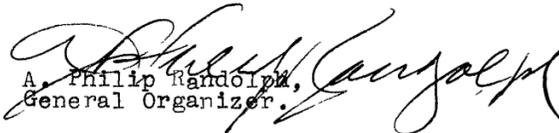
Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that the cost of the monthly accounting by Mr. Allimono is \$15.00. In the future, your office will be expected to handle this matter. May I say that I have just received a letter from Mr. Morrow informing me of the fact that the Board will reach our case the last week in April. I am sending you some bulletins on that matter. The work moves steadily forward, and our outlook grows more favorable from day to day.

Kindly remember me to the brothers and friends. Permit me to congratulate you upon the great work you are doing. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
FOR PERIOD BEGINNING Feb. 6 ENDED MAR.31/27

4-12-27

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April 12, 1927

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
2311 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your instructions we have audited the books of accounts of the Chicago District of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters for the period beginning Feb. 6th and ending March 31, 1927; and we herewith submit our report as follows:

- EXHIBIT "A" Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for period beginning 2/6 to 2/28/27
- EXHIBIT "B" Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for period beginning 3/1 to 3/31/27
- EXHIBIT "C" (a) Schedule of Assessment & Dues Stamps (b) Number of members paying Dues & Assessment. (c) Number of Assessment & Dues stamps issued. (d) Inventory of Stamps as of March 31, 1927
- EXHIBIT "D" Statement reconciling the Cash.

The results of the operations for the period under audit may be summarized as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Cash Balance Feb. 5th		\$365.50
Feb. 6 to Feb. 28th	\$610.00	
March	686.00	1,296.00
	TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCTD	\$1,661.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Feb. 6 to Feb. 28th	\$520.45	
March	486.38	
	806.83	
Remitted to H. O.	649.17	1,456.00

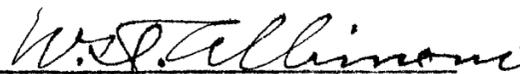
CASH BALANCE 3/31/27 \$ 205.50

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When you consult Exhibit "D", you will find that the Actual Balance of Cash in Bank after the outstanding Checks would have been honored, will leave \$186.50, plus \$19.00 on hand, equals \$205.50 which is in agreement with the difference between the receipts and the disbursements for the period. We further found where the amount of \$19.00 which was on hand March 31, 1927 was deposited April 1st in tact.

We further found that there were 23 new members who joined in February, 6 in March, making a total of 29 new members for the period. The number of members paying dues in February 156, in March 144, making a total of 300. The number of members paying Special Assessment in February 55, in March 16, making a total of 71.

Yours very truly,


W. D. ALLIMONO & CO.

WDA:MJP

EXHIBIT "A"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR
PERIOD BEGINNING 2/6/27 ENDED 2/28/27

Cash Balance Feb. 5, 1927 \$365.50

RECEIPTS:

Full Applications	\$35.00	
1st Installments	13.00	
2nd Installments	4.00	
Dues	322.00	
Special Assessment	<u>256.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR PERIOD		<u>610.00</u>
TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$975.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Publicity	\$43.10	
Postage	20.00	
Off. Sup. & Exp	3.39	
Org. Work	32.01	
Taxi	1.25	
Salary	201.00	
Commissions	9.70	
Music	<u>10.00</u>	\$320.45
Remittance to H. O.	<u>456.55</u>	
TOTAL DISB. & REMITTED H. O.		<u>777.00</u>
CASH BALANCE AS OF FEB. 28, 1927		<u>\$198.50</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR
MONTH OF MARCH 1927

Cash Balance Feb. 28, 1927 \$198.50

RECEIPTS:

Full Applications	\$10.00
1st Installments	9.50
2nd Installments	14.50
Dues	369.00
Special Assessment	105.00
	<u>\$508.00</u>

DANCE EXPENSE:

Reimbursed D. Exp.	\$108.75	
Receipts from Dance	<u>69.25</u>	<u>178.00</u>
		<u>686.00</u>

TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$ 884.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Publicity	\$27.32
Postage	10.25
Office Expense	.25
Org. expense	33.11
Salary	232.00
Commissions	5.70
Rent	<u>60.00</u>
	<u>368.63</u>

DANCE ADVANCES:

Music	\$40.00
Hall Rent	<u>25.00</u>
	<u>65.00</u>

Shipman Ward 4.75

Geo. Hamilton Advances 40.00

Isaac Brown 8.00

Remitted to Home Office 192.62

TOTAL DISB. & REMITTED 679.00

CASH BALANCE MARCH 31, 1927 \$205.50

EXHIBIT "C"

FRATERNITY OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
 SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT DUES
 FOR FEB. & MAR. 1927

FEBRUARY:

<u>DENOMINATION</u>	<u>NO. MEMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID</u>
\$10.00 In Full	22	\$220.00
5.00 In Full	8	40.00
3.00 In Full	2	6.00
CURRENT STAMPS ISSUED--Feb--	<u>32</u>	<u>\$266.00</u>
5.00 On Account	21	105.00
2.00 On Account	2	4.00
	<u>55</u> TOTAL PAID	<u>\$375.00</u>

52 Special Assessment Stamps Issued in February
 424 Dues Stamps issued in February.

MARCH:

<u>DENOMINATION</u>	<u>NO. MEMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID</u>
\$10.00 In Full	6	\$ 60.00
5.00 In Full	4	20.00
CURRENT STAMPS ISSUED--Mar--	<u>10</u>	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
5.00 On Account	4	20.00
2.50 On Account	2	5.00
	<u>16</u> TOTAL PAID	<u>\$105.00</u>

10 Special Assessments Dues Issued Current

1 Special Assessments issued which was paid 1/6/27

11 TOTAL ISSUED

369 Dues Stamps Issued.

INVENTORY OF STAMPS AS OF
 MARCH 31, 1927

Dues Stamps	1786
Regular Assessment Stamps	174
Silver Stamps	21
Gold Star Stamps	24

EXHIBIT "D"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
STATEMENT RECONCILING THE CASH AS OF
MARCH 31, 1927

March 31st Bank Balance		\$281.31
OUTSTANDING CHECKS:		
454	\$60.00	
483	30.81	
484	<u>4.00</u>	<u>94.81</u>
	ACTUAL CASH BALANCE	<u>\$186.50</u>

RECONCILIATION:

Cash Balance March 31, 1927		\$205.50
In Bank 3/31/27	\$186.50	
On Hand 3/31/27	<u>19.00</u>	<u>205.50</u>



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April. 13th. 1927.

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S E GRAIN

Mr. M.P. Webster.
3118. Giles Ave.
Chicago Ills.

Your welcome letter of the 8th. recieved and I was as usual very glad to hear from you. and highly appreciate the "lowdown" on the status of the Brotherhood. I will look forward to the meeting, some time this month. perhaps toward the last of the month. I might say, any time it meets will be a relief to me, as I have so many troubles here that I have about ran out of words of explanation. there are so many questions asked me each day, that I do nothing much but answer questions for the men.

Mr. Randolph, promised me that he would take up with Richberg, the situation in this district, and see if there was something that could be done to bring about a halt, or change in the attitude of old Burr, and his allies, Smith, and Kouple. and that, no doubt, is the substance of his conference with Richberg. he will write me on it I suppose after he gets home and gets things straightened out there with Ex Gov. Morrow. I am of the opinion that the inspecting of our membership applications, cards, and other such matter, will be in our favor. dont you? I think that when Hungerford asks for such evidence, Mr Morrow will say that he has seen all of our evidence, and can truthfully say that, after a careful inspection, the evidence as presented by the Brotherhood, is iron clad, and correct. I may be wrong, but I dont think so, this, after what I have heard of Mr. Morrrows opinion of the whole matter between the Brotherhood and the Pullman Co. I have been informed on good authority that he is in favor of the Brotherhood. and says their case is one of the strongest cases ever presented before a board.

I am in receipt of a circular from Lancaster, you no doubt have one, saying that Professor Queen, professor of Sociology at the University of Kansas, has organized a committee of one hundred and twenty (120) composed of the faculty and student body of the University, to assist the Pullman porters in their fight for Economic justice. I taken the names of all porters who have been pulled off, to Rev. Jacksons office this morning, he is forming a committee to go to the Pullman office and try to get Burr to put all, or some of the men back to work. they should have done this last January, when it was in its infancy, perhaps they could have done some good then, I think it is to late now, however they can try it. the Negro preachers have sat idly by and seen their own members being pulled off and said nothing, and now when the white people begin to take some action, then they get busy, and try to make a showing, so they can come in for "a Childs share"

Hoping you every known success, health, and happiness, in your work
I am always fraternally yours

E. J. Bradley E. J. Bradley.
Organizer, Sec & Treas.
B. S. C. P.

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NEW YORK LEADING NEGRO MINISTERS ENDORSE
PULLMAN PORTERS UNION

New York, March 14.---A conference of the leading Negro ministers of New York was held today at noon in the Y. W. C. A., West 137th Street. Nine of the most outstanding Negro clergymen representing practically 100,000 citizens, or over 80% of the church goers of Harlem were present and endorsed the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters after A. Philip Randolph, General Organizer of the Union had explained the aims and objects of his Organization. Many questions were asked by the ministers. Aside from endorsing the Brotherhood, they clergymen signified their intention to preach alternately a Brotherhood sermon from their respective pulpits. These series of Brotherhood sermons will be announced later.

Those attending the conference were

- Rev. A. Clayton Powell,
Abyssinian Baptist Church.
- Rev. William P. Hayes,
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.
- Rev. George H. Simms,
Union Baptist Church.
- Rev. John W. Robinson,
St. Marks Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Rev. F. A. Cullen,
Salem Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Rev. William Lloyd Ines,
St. James Presbyterian Church.
- Rev. A. C. Garner,
Grace Congregational Church.
- Rev. J. W. Brown,
Mother Zion A. M. E. Zion Church.
- Rev. Abner Brown,
Metropolitan Baptist Church.
- A. Philip Randolph and Frank E. Crosswaith,
General Organizer and Special Organizer
respectively of the Brotherhood.



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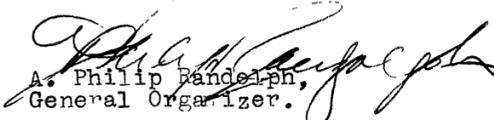
Dear Brother Webster:

I am glad to know that things are moving along finely, that the Ladies Auxiliary is moving along nicely.

The statement of aims of the Trade Union Committee for Organizing Negro Workers is quite splendid; also the matter on the International Railroad Amalgamation Committee. I think they are worth cultivating.

The work moves promisingly forward.
Regards to all of the Brothers.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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April 14, 1927

Dr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 12th, and note the contents carefully. I am very glad that you have got some definite information from Morrow of proceeding before the Board, and it came just at the right time, as we are holding a large meeting tonight, and I think it will be a very timely announcement. I will be glad to get the Bulletins on the matter, as I think they will have a stimulating effect on the men. I also received the Bulletin gotten out by the Methodist Church Federation. They are very good propaganda. I will send one to each of the preachers here, and we may eventually work up to getting some co-operation from them. I also received, under separate cover, another batch of questionnaires. Do I understand that you just want this information from a few lines. I will get them filled out and have them ready by the time you get out here.

I am glad to get the information relative to Allimono, and when he sends his bill for this month's report, I will take up the matter with him immediately.

Everything is moving along in pretty good shape, and for a while I think I will let up on the nightly meetings, and try to hold one big meeting at least once a week, and try to arrange to have an outside speaker, if I am successful in getting one. I have one promised for tonight, but I am afraid to be sure about it, until after she gets here. I will keep in constant touch with you on any important matters.

Yours fraternally

M. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

MPW:EL



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April 14, 1927

Dear Friend and Brother:

You will be pleased to know that I had a conference with Mr. Edwin P. Morrow in Chicago, April 6th and that he assured me, which he later confirmed in a letter, that the United States Mediation Board would reach our case the last week in April.

Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad! It only shows that if we will fight and not lose the faith, work and not grow weary, we are bound to win. It also shows that a quitter never wins and a winner never quits. Kindly urge every man to pay his dues and assessment, so that every man will be in good standing when our case is resumed.

Note also the Bulletin of the Methodist Federation for Social Service which represents millions of Methodists in the country. Our friends continue to multiply. The public and organized labor believes in us. Do we believe in ourselves? We can show that we do only by loyalty and devotion to the Brotherhood.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the great work you are doing. May I bid you onward, forward, upward! May we think only of victory, for we can't lose if we stick.

FORWARD TO VICTORY!

Your faithful servant,

A. Philip Randolph
A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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Editor "The Messenger" Magazine

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Secretary-Treasurer
ROY LANCASTER

April 16, 1927

Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that the questionnaires are to cover the different runs out of Chicago. You may know them yourself, so that you can make them out and have men on these different runs to sign them. Perhaps Brother Mills would know them.

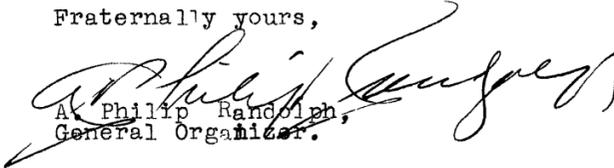
I rather think that one big meeting a week would be more effective than a meeting every night. Some speaker in the city will add to the interest and attraction.

Mr. Morrow indicated in his letter that he will come to New York to investigate the membership blanks the last week of April, so that we are certain now to get under way and push things steadily on.

I will be able to send you some more bulletins of the Methodist Federation for Social Service in a week.

Regards to the brothers. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 16th, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Date	Name	Amount	Total	Gen.
				\$1397.00
April 15	K. D. Richard	2.00	2.00	2.00
	Total for week ending April 16, 1927			<u>\$1399.00</u>

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF STEERING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

DATE	NAME	AMOUNT	TOTAL	GR.
	Total for week ending March 26, 1927	-----	1389.50	727.00
April 15	R. D. Rackard	2.00	-----	2.00
	Total for week ending April 16, 1927	-----	1391.50	

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CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEKENDING APRIL 16, 1927

MEMO OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES.

Date	Postage	Taxi	Org. Wk.	Misc	Office Supp.	Tel.	Printing	Total
Apr. 11			.14			.45		.59
12			1.41			.05		1.46
13			2.60			.10		2.70
14			1.50			.20		1.70
15			1.21			.10		1.31
16			.21			.15		.31
			7.07			1.00		8.07

Recapitulation -----

Organization Work ----- 7.07
 Telephone ----- 1.00
 Total ----- 8.07

Voucher #74.
 Check #607.

Week Ending April 16, 1957

Date	Postage	Tape	Org. Mkt.	Time	Office Supp.	T.	Other	Total
11			14			45		.59
12			141			5		1.46
13			250 78			10		2.70
14			1.50			20		1.70
15			1.21			10		1.31
16			21			10		.31

7.07

1.00

8.07

Voucher # 77

Check # 507

April 16, 1927

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

All those included in his report to you the bill for the services. You will have Lancaster return the same to me, and I will take care of it, and also negotiate further on the arrangements that we spoke of.

Our meeting last Thursday night was unusually successful. We had least 75 men out, the women didn't show up very strong, for a women's meeting, but nevertheless the meeting was very successful and beneficial from all points of view. Miss Coleman delivered a good, hard boiled labor union talk; and it was very enthusiastically received by the men. I am going to try the same program over again next Saturday night, if I can get a speaker. The dues income this week is a little improvement over last week, and I think concentration on dues and assessments will soon bring it up to par. I am making a special effort to get at those men who have not paid their assessments. I think I will send a special letter to them next week. In fact, I feel very optimistic about the situation here. Everything in general is in pretty good shape.

Yours fraternally

H. P. Webster,
Chicago Organizer.

MP:THB



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April 18, 1927

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Field Representative
S E. GRAIN

Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

I shall have Brother Lancaster to return the bill sent by Mr. Allimono for services rendered.

I am glad to know that you had seventy-five men out to your meeting. I think that was a very good meeting, quite large indeed. I am glad to know, too, that Miss Coleman gave them a good straight-forward, labor talk. I think that it will have great effect if we are able to get different persons from time to time to give a talk. You may be able to get Bruick, Hessler, Noeckls, and some others to talk for you from time to time. They will be able to suggest some other persons. Chandler Owen, I think, will talk for you some time and also Stratford. I think the plan is a good one.

I have sent you some bulletins on the Mediation Board which I think will be very effective in stimulating spirit among the men.

Everything moves promisingly forward. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

APR/LIM

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April 19, 1927

Mr. A Philip Randolph,
2311 7th Ave.,
New York.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just to advise that both of your communications of recent date were received and also questionnaires under separate cover. I will see that the questionnaires are filled and returned to your office forthwith.

Everything here moves along in the usual shape and the reaction of your address here has been very imperative. We had a large attendance at our Thursday night meeting and Saturday night's meeting was larger than any ever held. The men are rallying to the cause and in very good shape, and I am satisfied that the new spirit will be reflected in the weekly reports.

I had quite a chat with Brown of the Express employees here. He advised me that in the conversation he had with Morrow a few days previous that he had suggested a strike ballot be taken in the Monon case, and everything looks as though our matter was about the most important thing in Railroad circles.

The boys are much enthused over the news of the proceedings the last week in April, and I thought once if we could get another small break through the big dailies as we had at our preliminary hearing that we would have another rush the same as we did last August.

The ladies are in far better spirits than they were a week or so ago. They are holding a meeting of the organizing committee to-morrow night and I feel satisfied that I will be able to get them to consent to join with the committee to carry out the program as originally suggested.

Will keep in constant touch and advise of any important development.
Fraternally yours,
MPW/ec



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Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

I am indeed glad to know that your meetings are good successes. They mean everything in keeping the morale of the men high during a period when they are waiting the action of the Board.

We had a grand meeting here last night. It was very inspiring.

Everything goes well and promisingly.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that our hearing with the Mediation Board begins the last week of April. It is my hope and wish that I will be able to send you some encouraging information when the hearing begins. It will start here in New York and continue in Chicago.

May I urge you to keep ever before the men the necessity of fighting with their might and their money for victory. We cannot lose if we remain organized and keep the faith.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
A. Philip Randolph,
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Week Ending April 23, 1927.

Date
Apr.

	Postage	Taxi	Dr. Hb.	House	Office Supp.	Trav.	Party	Total
18	63	1.35	28			20		246
19			21		#9	15		36
20			28		119	30		177
21	68		150 28			20		266
22			115 35			30		180
23			14					14

Vouched # 75.

Check #

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK
 OFFICE

ENDING APRIL 30, 1937

MEMO OF PETTY CASH EXPENSES

Date	Postage	Taxi	Org. Work	Office Supp	Tel	Wires	Trs	Total
April 18	63	1.35	28		20			2.46
19			21		15			.36
20			28	1.19	30			1.77
21	68		1.50 28		20			2.66
22			1.15 35		50			\$1.80
23			14					14
								\$9.19

Recapitulation

Postage - - - 1.31
 Org Work 4.19
 Office Supplies 1.19
 Telephone 1.15
 Taxi 1.35 \$9.19

Voucher #75

Check # 513 - \$9.19

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>GEN.</u>
	Total for week ending April 16, 1927		- -	\$1391.50
April 18	Z Williams / -	\$2.00		1290
April 18	D. W. Haynes / -	10.00		24
April 19	R. Johnson / -	5.00		
April 20	Geo W. Smith / -	2.50		
April 22	Artis Lilse / -	5.00	\$24.50	24.50
	Total for week ending April 23-27			\$ 1415.50

1391.50
24.50
1415.50

CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Date	Name	Amount	Total	Gen. \$1399.00
April 18	Z. Williams	2.00		
	L. W. Hynes	10.00	12.00	
19	R. Johnson	5.00	5.00	
20	Geo. W. Smith	2.50	2.50	
22	Artis Lilse	5.00	5.00	24.50
	Total for week ending April 23, 1927			<u>\$ 1423.50</u>

Oakland Cal.
Apr. 24-27

Mr. M. P. Webster

Dear Sir,

On the 16th of April, I arrived in Chicago after a four night trip from Oakland with sixteen beds in my car, my brother being a passenger on the train and being a stranger in the city I ask permission from Mr. Cook, the Platform agent, could my brother accompany me to the yards on my car, which he readily gave, after putting my car away, and as it was raining, also I had to go down to the Transportation Bldg. to get my check I decided to ride Santa Fe train no. 1 down as it was about time for it to back down, while sitting down talking to my brother and train crew Mr. Witt comes in I not knowing Mr. Witt as Mr. Joyce was my instructor, and he was not in uniform nor cap without and introduction he ask me where I was going I answered to the station, he then ask Bro. and myself were we Porters I told him I was but Bro. wasn't. Where's your Dist. I did not answer readily, "Chgo & ast" he asks. I answered here. Then he says there's no Porter on this car

set it up, you may have to go out & visit
I said me go out Ha, Ha, next he wanted to
know when did you come in what did you come
in on, I did not answer. Then he says you'll
set the car up wont you. I said where's the poster
he should be on here isn't there a man on
station duty? you refuse to set it up Oh. I did
not answer. What's your name he asks, I answered
what do you want to know to set for. He said
you're going down to the station. I am riding
down also and I bet you'll set up the next
car. I tell you. I says sure I'll see you
at the station. after he'd gone one of the
guard employees ask me did I know who I was talking
too, I said no he says Mr. Witt, I then greets
Mr. Witt, and tells him if I had of known
who he was I would have set the car up for
him. I thought he was another poster trying
to get me to do his work. His answer was a yell
that you will know me and know me
good from now on. Then he tells my Br.
he couldnt ride down to the station we both got off.
yours, Truly
B. Coleman,

Mr. M. P. Webster please answer me did
you get Mr. Coleman's statement, answer
at once. Dad Moore 519 Wood St
Oakland Calif.



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S. E. GRAIN

Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

I am glad to know that dues are picking up and that things look promising.

I am expecting to get a word from Mr. Morrow any day informing me of the time he will arrive in New York to institute beginning of the hearings. I will keep you informed of developments.

Relative to my speaking for the Trade and Business Organization, Mr. Allimono wired me about this matter, but I informed him that I would not be in Chicago around that time, and consequently could not promise to speak for them. However, I should be glad to get some information as to what it is.

Everything moves promisingly forward.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

APR/LIM

OUR GOAL:

More wages; better hours; better working conditions; pay for overtime; pay for "preparation" time; abolition of "doubling out;" conductor's pay for conductor's work when in charge and manhood rights.

April 25, 1927

Mr A Philip Randolph,
2311 7th Ave.,
New York City N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Everything moves along well in this Division. We had a very generous response in the payment of dues beginning this week and the Saturday night affair was very well attended and things in general to be going great. The men are in good spirits and are anxiously awaiting action before the Board.

I think it would be advisable as soon after the public announcement is made that we are before the Board that we immediately launch a country wide membership drive, emphasizing a dispensation and laying stress upon the fact that on consummation of the case the fee will be increased. I think, with this widely enough advertised, that we will be able to bring the membership up to ninety per cent throughout the country. There are still about five hundred men on side of the organization in Chicago, and I think that at the termination of our immediate program I will put forth a special effort to get these men in the Organization.

I notice the P.P.B.A. is issuing a monthly Bulletin, and according to their program they are urging all of the local lodges to hold meeting as required by the by-laws? This in the past has not been done and I think this is a good opportunity to test our strength, and it might be advisable to urge all union men to be very prompt about attending meetings and participating in the work of the organization with a view, of course, of ultimate Union control.

I am satisfied that we can control two of the Districts in Chicago, but I am not certain as to the other two, but we may be able to control them also. As a rule a small number of men attend these meetings, however, we could prevail upon our Union men to attend and they would have a good deal to say about outlining the local policy.. I would also like to have as soon as possible the statement that you promised to send me when you

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here a few weeks ago. I have not received the matter from Lancaster relative to Alimona. I wish you could jog his memory on that as I would like to get that settled before he comes around here next month. I would also like to have some more of those questionnaires, as the men took them out of the office, consequently, they made them out wrong, so in order that they may not be misleading I will supervise the preparation of them myself.

I judge that you will return to Chicago shortly after Morrow leaves New York, or within it if he is successful in arranging a meeting between the Representatives of the Brotherhood and the Lullman Company. I think it would be advisable to have a committee of some of the oldest porters as a back ground; the moral effect will be good I think as the incidental publicity. The publicity released by the Methodist Church's association has had a wonderful effect, not only on the group, but on the public and organized labor in general.

I was at the Federal Labor Headquarters to day, they are very much enthused over the way the publicity is being handled, particularly with reference to the Company Plan. I am satisfied that when actual negotiations before the Board begins that the men will rally to the cause better than we expect, however, I am still concentrating on the payment of dues and assessment, and the result of our recent local publicity is reflected in the increased income. The report of this week shows an increase of Fifty Dollars over the previous week and the coming week is destined to be at least equally successful.

There is nothing of any particular importance; we are keeping in close touch with the elements of the situation here and I will keep you advised.

Fraternally yours,

Chicago Division Organizer

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BROTHERHOOD OF
Sleeping Car Porters

Headquarters:
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April 26, 1927

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Mr. M. P. Webster,
3118 Giles Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

Just a word to say that we are expecting Mr. Morrow to come in one day this week, as he informed us that he would be in one day the last week of April to institute hearings in the case of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Urge every man to pay his dues, so that we may be able to count him as among our thousands who are in good standing. It will help our case greatly. Let us not have any thought about failure, since it is impossible for any organization whose cause is just and the members of which realize that a quitter never wins and a winner never quits, to fail. We have already won, since we have captured public opinion, so that we need only to recognize the fact that power and success lie in our own hands. No one can defeat us but ourselves; none can win for us but ourselves.

Therefore, let us hold up the standard of the Brotherhood with unflinching courage and march on until victory is won. Forward to triumph!

Faithfully yours,

A. Philip Randolph
A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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Oakland, Calif. April 27th, 1927.

Mr M.P. Webster:
3118 Giles ave,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Brother Webster:

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you, things are going along good out here, I am right behind the men to come and pay up their dues, and they will soon see that is their own salvation

We have a few new men out here and they all say that as soon as they can make a trip they will come and join, I am after all of them, I don't intend to lay off them at all, I tell them to come in and be a real man pay up your dues and assessments.

I hope I will be able to come to see you soon, as I would like to be with you for about a week or two, I am going to do my part as long as I am living, tell all the porters of your division that I am the same old Dad Moore and I will die fighting for them, all from your old faithful servant and friend.

Dad Moore organizer.
517 Wood Street, Oakland, Calif.

April 27, 1927

M. Dad Moore,
519 Wood St.,
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Brother Moore:

Just a word to advise that your letter was received to day and also the statement written by Cole. I will get in touch with him immediately, and have him come in and give me more detail information, as I do not get very much from what he has written.

Everything is moving along in pretty good shape, and we expect things to begin here very soon. Let me hear from you at an early date.

Faternally yours,

Chicago Division Organizer

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Dear Brother Webster:

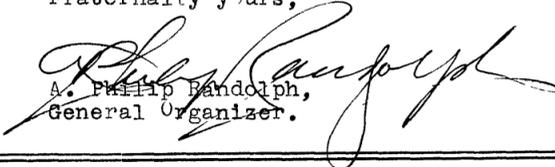
Just a word to thank you for your letter of the 25th inst. and to express my encouragement in the very splendid efforts that you are making in behalf of stimulating the membership to the payment of dues and assessment.

I am sending you the statement on the Plan under separate cover. Relative to the P. P. B. A., no doubt they are trying to put life in it since the Plan is dead. I find that as a rule the P. P. B. A. group in the different districts is under control of Company men. I believe that that organization is so thoroughly under the thumb of the Company that there is very little that we can do to break the grip. We will eventually have to build up our own fraternal feature which is the only method by which the P. P. B. A. can be broken down.

I shall have Brother Lancaster to send you the matter relative to Mr. Allimono. I think your suggestion about having a committee of the oldest porters as a background will have a moral effect. I can pick out some of our oldest men and form such a group, which will be kept secret and only shown to the mediators, if I find it necessary.

Everything moves promisingly forward, and I hope to be able to send you some word about the developments in the hearing, which I expect to start here some time this week or the early part of next. Keep up the good work.

Faternally yours,


A. Philip Randolph,
General Organizer.

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April 29, 1927

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
2311 7th Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

All of your communications of recent date received, as you know every one is awaiting word from the Board. We are still concentrating on dues and assessments, the men are responding in their fairly good shape, and we expect the return to be more generous when we get your announcement.

Miss Coleman, the young lady, who spoke before the meeting several weeks ago, who is an organizer of the International Garment Workers Union, is very anxious for you and me to connect with them in their movement to advance trade unionism among Negroes in Chicago. I sent you some of their literature some time ago. There is a Mr. Angerine, intensely interested in this movement, who hails from St. Paul. He styles himself chairman of the Amalgamation Committee of the Railroad Union. I made inquiries among the A. F. of L. officials here in Chicago, and also of our friend Mr. Brown of the Express Employees Union, and they don't think very much of him, in fact they claim they do not know anything about the movement. I also made inquiries of Frank Boyd, who informs me that he is a very deep student of the labor movement, and that he rendered Cowell some very valuable assistance in the way of getting speakers for his meetings in St. Paul. Their program is rather comprehensive, and in a place like Chicago it is going to take from some very strenuous educational campaigns to even plant the seed here. I have invited them into a conference and I will get all the information in regard to what they are trying to do and when you come out we can go into it and then determine whether or not it is advisable for us to along with him.

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In the meantime I will hold him off on what our intentions will be toward the movement.

This week's income will not be as large as the previous week, but the spirit is very high, and I think as a whole we are in excellent shape. The ladies met last night and allowed me to sit in, and I think they will solve their own problems, if we let them have their way. The committee meets frequently, and every body is on their tip-toes awaiting formal action.

I will keep in touch with you until you come out.

Yours Fraternally,

Chicago Division Organizer,

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CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR

PORTERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 1927

WEEKLY STATEMENT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Date	Name	Amount	Total	Gen
				\$1423.50
April 25	B. F. Hague	2.00	2.00	
April 26	F. E. Banks	5.00	5.00	
April 28	Joseph Piersaul	10.00	10.00	17.00
				<u>\$1440.50</u>

Apr. For Week Ending April 30th

24	Postage Faxi	Org. wrk	Wires	Offical Supp.	Del.	Outg.	Total
25	57		328		300	50	435
26	8		21			20	49
27			23		90	15	133
28			121		150	20	191
29			121			20	141
			<u>1.00</u>				<u>100</u>

10.49

Postage - 65
 Org wrk - 4.69
 Offical Supp. 3.90
 Del 1.25
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CHICAGO DIVISION BROTHERHOOD OF
SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 30th, 1927

Apr	Postage	Taxi	Org Wrk	Wines	Office Supplies	Tel	Patg	Total
25	57		28		3.00	50		4.35
26	8		21			20		49
27			28		.90	15		1.55
28			1.71			20		1.91
29			1.21			20		1.41
30			1.00					1.00
								10.49

Recapitulation

Postage	65
Org Wrk	4.69
Office Supplies	3.90
Telephone	1.25
	<u>\$ 10.49</u>

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