

December 23, 1942

Mr. James R. Hoffa, Secretary-treasurer
Local Union 299
2741 Trumbull Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed find copy of a letter addressed to President Tobin, under date of December 21, 1942, signed by Festus Hairston, a member of your local union. The letter explains itself, and I will appreciate your comments before answering same.

I desire to point out to you the policy of this International Union, which is no discrimination regarding race, creed or color. This same situation has come up in one or two other localities in the past few months, the last one being in Pittsburgh. We were assured by the local union that they were not discriminating and would allow this colored man to continue working.

I also wish to advise you that there is an agency set up in Washington by the government for the protection of the colored people to handle any of their troubles of this kind. There is no doubt but that this case will be appealed to this agency if this man is not allowed to work at this job.

However, I will not answer this letter until hearing from you.

Fraternally yours,

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