

This group met at the foot of Lookout Mountain in Tennessee, and they have successfully managed to overcome the unfriendly forces which decided that once the mail cars, which were made of wood initially, and which were vary hazardous, and which have now become steel cars and were safe, have become jobs for white postal employees.

Mr. Chairman, I lead up to the point that in the gallery we have the national president of this great independent union, which has now grown to 45,000 members throughout the country. We have President Ashby G. Smith of Illinois, who is domiciled in Washington, D. C. To his left is William Bradley, his administrative aide, who is from New Orleans, Louisiana, and to his right is my good friend Leon Henderson, from Falls Church, Virginia.

Mr. Chairman and members of this Convention, I ask you to give them a very warm welcome.

*(Applause.)*

And, Mr. President, the point of information is apropos at this moment. It concerns the pictures.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE WHITE: I would like to find out, Mr. Chairman, will this picture be black and white, or will it be colored.

*(Laughter and applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Will all delegates take their seats, and will all the other persons except the troopers leave the room.

Will the desk officers take their seats?

The Sergeant-at-Arms will see if there are any delegates in the lounge.

*(Whereupon, the Committee of the Whole suspended for a few minutes to have photographs taken.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate White rise?

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. Chairman, there is poor visibility in this corner. In that picture we did not show up too well. I am willing to sit for another slide if he will move the camera.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, we will be happy to provide a single-member photograph for the gentleman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Harry Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, Delegate Lloyd Taylor has told me that since he has been down here at the Convention, he has read everything that has come across his desk, and in addition to that he has somewhat of a library that he keeps in his desk that he reads in between time.

He has gotten very little sleep for the last three and a half months, and as a result of that he will make some effort to retouch them so that those circles will not show, because he has gotten some complaints from his constituents in the Second District.

In addition, we have taken a poll of the back row, and we have decided somehow or other, maybe by chance, that the best-looking, or most intelligent members of the Convention are sitting in the back row.

In the last group photograph that we had, you could barely see us, so I have been asked to ask the photographer if he will, after taking a photograph of the whole Convention, come back and take a picture of the back row.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate White, it has also been suggested to the Chair in answer to your earlier query, that by reason of Delegate Lloyd Taylor's request, this is a picture in color.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is a bit startling to the Chair, at least, to see the entire staff assembled as they were for a picture a few moments ago when you realize that that staff you saw is only the professional staff. That is to say, not including the stenographic staff. There are fifty members of the professional staff at this time. I understand the problems involved in retaining such a staff, and perhaps none of us understands why perhaps it takes us so long to get some of the material that we want very quickly. It takes a great deal of man power to support a Convention that is moving as rapidly as this one is and accomplishing as much.

Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: Mr. President, if you were startled just think how Delegate Malkus would have felt had he been here today.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is Delegate Rybczynski in the room?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair hates to admit it, but you are younger than I am,