

## EIGHT-HOUR DAY ASKED AGAIN BY TRAM WORKERS

Plea Will Compel Public Service Commission to Make Ruling.

Having refused to rule on an eight-hour day for Indianapolis Street Railway Company employees, due to technicalities, public service commissioners are to be confronted directly with the point, it was announced today.

A new petition for arbitration, in which the eight-hour day is asked directly, has been presented to James P. Tretton, superintendent of the company by a group of carmen.

It then will go to the board of directors of the company and if refused, be appealed to the public service commission.

### Former Plea Ignored

Commissioner Frank Singleton refused to consider the eight-hour day because this course had not been followed in a previous petition in which wage increases also were asked. The increases were denied, but the commission did order use of passes instead of tickets for the carmen.

The new petition was drafted by J. S. Fenstermacher, attorney for the Indianapolis Street Railway union. The union is not recognized under the working contract of the company, which requires an open shop agreement.

Recognition of the right of collective bargaining also is asked in the eight-hour petition.

Unemployment Cited

In dealing with the eight-hour day, the petition reads:

"We feel that in view of the increasing unemployment and poverty rampant in the city of Indianapolis in particular, and in the entire county in general, it is our duty in the name of humanity to share our employment with those less fortunate individuals of our city."

"However, we find it difficult to accomplish our desires without the co-operation of the company, inasmuch as we do not represent the entire personnel."

"Therefore, we ask that the working day of each employee operating under the said contracts be limited to eight hours per day, and that every employee be guaranteed seven days per week labor."

Jobs for 100 Asked

"We feel certain that this plan will insure every employee now in the company's employ a living wage and provide not less than 100 new opportunities for those now unemployed in the city of Indianapolis to make a living wage and come off the list of charity where they were forced by adversities."

"Therefore, that there be no mistake in our desires and petition, we want the working day of all employees, under the aforesaid contracts, to be limited to eight hours per day and a guarantee of seven days per week labor for present employees."

The petition also asks time and one-half for all overtime over eight and one-half hours and restoration of employees discharged in 1926-27 to the 100 new jobs.

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## LEGION TO INSTALL OFFICERS TONIGHT

Ceremony for 12th District Commanders Slated at Antlers.

Annual installation of Twelfth district commanders of the American Legion tonight at the Antlers will be conducted by Ollie A. Davis of Tipton, department adjutant, commander, announced today.

This district meeting, first held since state and national conventions, will begin at 8 with formal presentation of the Legion colors by uniformed members of Police post No. 56.

Ralph F. Gates of Columbia City, Indiana department commander of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker.

The 1932 program for the district will be outlined by Hano who also will announce the personnel of district committees.

Auxiliary of Memorial post No. 3, of which Hano is past commander, will serve refreshments.

Twelfth district drum and bugle corps and the Twelfth district auxiliary glee club will present a program of music.

Post commanders who will be installed are:

Ralph G. Gregg, Memorial post No. 3; E. P. Brennan, Indianapolis, No. 4; Frank J. Coughlin, No. 5; Paul E. Foy, Firemen's, No. 42; Joseph F. Lutes, Hays Ward-Baum, No. 55; Eugene H. Troutman, Police, No. 56; Arthur Dinsmore, Hilton U. Brown Jr., No. 55; Patrick J. Shea, Garfield Park, No. 58; Eugene H. Bridgman, Big Eagle, No. 59; Paul M. Gary, Bruce P. Robinson, No. 132; Frank J. Favre, McGoris Mills Watkins, No. 162; Lawrence V. Sheridan, John H. Holliday, No. 188; Glen Charles C. Cain, Robert E. Kennington, No. 203; Louis J. Weigand, Hugh Corp. No. 361.

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