

Award No. 734
Docket No. MC-452-13
2-MV-I-'42

**NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD
SECOND DIVISION**

PARTIES TO DISPUTE:

CONNELL R. CORDRAY, EMPLOYE
vs.
MIDLAND VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY

DISPUTE: CLAIM OF EMPLOYEE: Employee, Connell R. Cordray, respectfully represents and claims that on August 10, 1934, he was discharged from service as a locomotive engine inspector by the above named respondent because of complainant's union organization activities. Complainant respectfully requests that this Honorable Board assume jurisdiction of this dispute and upon a full hearing of the matter award to him complete reinstatement with back pay allowance from date of discharge, exclusive of all earnings of complainant in other employment during the interim.

FACTS AND POSITION OF PARTIES: The petitioner is attempting to have his claim decided by this Division of the National Railroad Adjustment Board. The evidence of record does not show that the claimant has handled this dispute on the property "in the usual manner" as prescribed in the agreement in effect.

OPINION OF THE DIVISION: In order that this Board may assume jurisdiction of a dispute on petition, it must appear that the dispute has been handled in the usual manner in negotiations with the carrier as provided by the statute; and that it is only in case there has been a failure to reach an adjustment in the manner so provided that this Board will review such proceedings. In the instant case, there was no compliance with the statute on the part of petitioner. The usual manner of negotiating with the carrier was not complied with. There was no failure to reach an adjustment "in the usual manner." Petitioner, having failed to pursue the required method of presenting his grievance, which in this case was that provided by the agreement between the carrier and the employees, this Board is without jurisdiction to pass upon petitioner's claim. See Gooch vs. Ogden Union Railway & Depot Company, Award No. 514.

AWARD

Claim dismissed.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD
By Order of Second Division

ATTEST: J. L. Mindling
Secretary

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 2nd day of April, 1942.