



**Award No. 18131**

**Docket No. MS-18563**

**NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

**THIRD DIVISION**

**David Dolnick, Referee**

**PARTIES TO DISPUTE:**

**MR. H. M. RIELEY, et al**  
**THE PULLMAN COMPANY**

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM:** The Pullman Company is a non-operating carrier and we are unseparated operating employees, conductors, of same. We hereby seek protection under the Washington Job Protection Agreement of May 21, 1936, contending that the actions of the railroads involved and/or The Pullman Company in such cessation constituted a coordination as applied and defined in the Washington Agreement.

**OPINION OF BOARD:** The issue in this dispute, as expressed by the Petitioners, is whether the Washington Job Protection Agreement of May, 1936 is applicable to the takeover of Pullman Conductor and Pullman Porter operations by the railroads on January 1, 1969. It is Petitioner's position that such takeover constituted a coordination as defined in the Washington Job Protection Agreement.

The burden of proof rests upon the party who asserts the claim. In the instant dispute, the Petitioner has failed to meet this burden. There is, therefore, no convincing evidence that the transaction was a coordination within the meaning of the Washington Job Protection Agreement, and the claim should be dismissed.

**FINDINGS:** The Third Division of the Adjustment Board, after giving the parties to this dispute due notice of hearing thereon, and upon the whole record and all the evidence, finds and holds:

That the Carrier and the Employees involved in this dispute are respectively Carrier and Employees within the meaning of the Railway Labor Act, as approved June 21, 1934;

That this Division of the Adjustment Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and

That the Agreement was not violated.

**AWARD**

Claim dismissed in accordance with the Opinion.

**NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD**  
**By Order of THIRD DIVISION**

**ATTEST: S. H. Schulty**  
**Executive Secretary**

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 30th day of September 1970.

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