NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

THIRD DIVISION

Award Number 20719
Docket Number CL-20754

William M. Edgett, Referee

(Brotherhood of Railway, Airline and Steamship (Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and (Station Fmployes

PARTIES TO DISPUTE: (

(Southern Railway Company

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: Claim of the System Committee of the Brotherhood, (GL-7533), that:

- (a) Carrier violated the Agreement at Alexandria, Virginia, when it dismissed Mr. W_{\bullet} C. Hancock from service; and
- **(b)** Mr. Hancock shall be compensated at the rate of \$35.35 per day beginning September 21, 1972, and continuing through September 30, 1972, and at the rate of \$37.22 beginning October 1, 1972, and continuing through November 9, 1972.

OPINION OF BOARD: Claimant, a senior employee with many years of service, and an unblemished record in disciplinary matters, was dismissed after an investigation into an unfortunate verbal exchange with his supervisor. Carrier later rescinded the dismissal and restored him to service. This claim seeks pay for all time lost.

The record does not support Claimant's desire for a complete reversal of the discipline. it does, however, reflect that in his thirty six years with Carrier Claimant has not been involved in any other disciplinary matter. Considering that fact, and all the facts and circumstances in the record, a thirty day (actual) suspension is the proper measure of discipline in this case.

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:

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

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

That the Claimant's suspension should be reduced to thirty days.

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Claim sustained in part, as shown above.

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By Order of Third Division

ATTEST: A.W. Paules

Executive Secretary

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 16th day of May 1975.