NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

THIRDDIVISION

Award Number 21282 Docket Number MW-21497

John H. Dorsey, Referee

(Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes

PARTIES TO DISHJTE:

(The Texas and Pacific Railway Company

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: Claim of the System Committee of the Brotherhood that:

- (1) The dismissal of **Trackman** Lionel **Hardison** on June 1, 1974 was without just and sufficient cause and wholly **disproportionate** to the offense with which charged (**System File K 247-5156**).
- (2) Claimant **Hardison shall** be reinstated to **service** with seniority, vacation and all other rights unimpaired and with pay for **all** t h e **lost.**

OPINION w BOARD: Claimant was afforded dua process.

The record **contains substantial** evidence of probative **value that Claimant** was guilty of the offense of long **and persistent absence** from duty notwithstanding that he had been warned that **his** continuance of **such con**duct would **result in his dismissal** from service.

The dismissal of Claimant, by Carrier, on June 1, 1974, was not an excessive imposition of discipline.

FINDINGS: The Third Division of the Adjustment Board, upon the whole record and all the evidence, finds and holds:

That the parties waived oral hearing;

That 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 dispute involved herein; and

That the Agreement was not violated.

AWARD

Claim denied.

NATIONAL RAIL ROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD By Order of Third Division

ATTEST: <u>A. W. Gaulea</u>

Executive Secretary

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 12th day of November 1976.