



# Railroad Workers United

**Unity – Solidarity – Democracy: The Rank & File in Action!**

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## **RWU Celebrates Labor Day with a Bold New Campaign**

Whether you are off work or on the job on Monday, please take the time to honor, remember and celebrate Labor Day. This is our day! So much of what we workers take for granted today -- overtime pay, holiday pay, vacations, sick leave, workers' comp and FELA, railroad retirement, safer working conditions, the basic 8-hour day, seniority and more – only came about because workers came together, organized and fought for these things collectively. If it were not for our solidarity, we would have none of the above, and there certainly would be no such thing as Labor Day.

It is in this spirit that Railroad Workers United announces our stepped-up "Campaign Against Single Employee Train Crews", to be officially unleashed on Labor Day 2012. The rail carriers have been slowly but surely making inroads and it is only a matter of time before they make an all-out press for universal single employee crews. RWU says HELL NO! And we encourage all of our members and supporters, all railroad workers to get involved in the campaign to stop this bullshit!

You say it cannot be done? Look at what our forefathers won, all of that stuff listed above and lots and lots more. They did it and we can too! History is not over folks and we can and we will fight back!

RWU has ordered thousands of lapel and bumper stickers for you and your co-workers to distribute at work. We have thousands of copies of our leaflet outlining the Campaign Against Single Employee Crews. And we are here to assist you in your efforts in your terminal to raise the issue and get your local union on board to fight this fight.

So on this Labor Day, you will see lots of American flags flying. You will hear lots of politicians bucking for your vote. And you will see lots of hot dogs frying on the grill. But please remember, all this has little to do with the true spirit of Labor Day. This day is really about working people and our struggle – through strikes, boycotts, picket lines, sit-ins, occupations and more – to further the cause of the working class. RWU is proud to unveil our Campaign Against Single Employee Train Crews as part of that proud tradition of working people fighting back against corporate power. We invite you to join us in the fight. Solidarity forever!

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