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ALL MEMBER LINES--GENERAL MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO
and
NON-MEMBER LINES--IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Gentlemen:

Referring to previous circulars in connection with the Illinois Occupational Diseases Act. I am quoting letter dated January 19, 1937 from Mr. Armstrong Chinn, Chairman of the Engineering and Shop Committee:

"Please be referred to my report of the meeting of the Railroad Engineering and Shop Committee held on January 18th.

"On Page 2 of that report I outline a further survey of Railroad Shops and Roundhouses in Illinois that the Committee would like to have made. As pointed out, the purpose of this survey is to collect information that will show that conditions in railroad shops and roundhouses are very different from those in the usual manufacturing establishments, and for that reason railroads should have modified and less expensive rules than industry generally.

"Will you please have the railroads send this information in within a reasonable time?"

That part of the report referred to by Mr. Chinn is quoted below:

"Conditions in railroad shops have been found to be so different from those in the usual manufacturing establishment that it is felt the railroads should be exempted from many of the restrictions rules that will, no doubt, apply to industry generally. To support this view, the General Managers' Association will be asked to have a further survey made of railroad shops in Illinois showing the following information, which the Committee should receive in triplicate:

"1. Blueprint or sketch of each shop and roundhouse building in Illinois, showing plan of each building, and layout or location of each grinding, buffing and polishing machine.

"2. Number of hours each grinding, buffing and polishing machine works in each eight (8) hour shift.

"3. Number of employees in each room on each shift.

"4. Air volume or cubical content in each building or room. Where the building is not divided by partitions, the air volume or cubical content should be shown for the building as a whole. Where the building is divided into rooms by partitions, the air volume or cubical content should be shown for each room.