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Independent Truckers in the IWW Win Strike in Stockton, CA

Independent truckers in the intermodal rail yards of Stockton, California won the majority of their demands in a two-day strike September 13 and 14 against the Patriot Trucking Company. The majority of the drivers at Patriot Trucking Company in Stockton have joined the Industrial Workers of the World and won:

- Reduced wait time
- Extra pay for hazmat loads
- Extra pay for switching containers
- Extra pay for sweeping containers
- Extra pay for delays at the scales
- Extra pay for carrying overweight loads
- End of punishment for refusing a load
- End of discount rates
- Respect from management

IWW members in Stockton also won back the jobs of two drivers who had been blacklisted.

There are roughly 250 intermodal truckers in Stockton. Most are immigrants and most have joined the IWW. Although they are currently considered independent contractors and many labor laws did not protect these truckers, that didn't stop them from standing together to win better pay and conditions. Organizers and drivers are working on plans for further actions and greater gains.

The IWW invites all truckers to join regardless of nationality, legal status, or contractor status. Stand together with your fellow drivers and win respect, better pay and better conditions.

For updates, check online at: www.iww.org/unions/iu530/truckers/



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