

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Rates of the Pullman Company for services rendered within the State of California on intrastate business.) Case No. 682.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

In 1914 this Commission conducted an inquiry, on its own motion, into the rules, regulations and practices of the Pullman Company which resulted in a report by this Commission on April 25, 1914, calling the attention of the Pullman Company to certain rules and regulations of that company, and practices of its employees, which the Commission believed could be changed and improved, to the benefit of the traveling public. The changes and improvements suggested by the Commission were adopted by the Pullman Company with the result that, since such action, practically no complaints have come to the Commission, whereas before they were of frequent occurrence.

This investigation of the Commission, however, seemed to point to the advisability of having the rates of the Pullman Company investigated, particularly as to the relation which those rates bear to the wages paid by the company to its employees, and the present case No. 682 was set down for hearing upon the Commission's own motion. Correspondence with the Pullman Company, and conferences with its representatives, as well as correspondence with the Interstate Commerce Commission, followed as a part of this Commission's investigation.

Largely as a result, we believe, of these investigations, the Pullman Company has granted an increase in wages to its conductors and porters, the gross amount of which is said to be in the neighborhood of \$600,000 a year.

In view of the fact that the Pullman Company has improved its service and given the increase in wages to its employees, as noted above, and in view of the further fact that this Commission can, at any time, again take up this matter, and with the understanding that the Commission will expect the Pullman Company to continue its improved service, this case will be dismissed without prejudice.

O R D E R.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled proceeding be and the same is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of January, 1916.

Max Thelen
H. H. Love
W. J. Gordon

Frank R. Perkins

Commissioners.