

# UNION ORDERS END OF PARCEL STRIKE

## Wildcatters Told Refusal Will Be Considered as Resignation From Jobs

## COURT BACKS ARBITER

### Company to Take Back All Except 8 Stewards and Employee It Discharged

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The teamster local that is being sued because of a 12-day wildcat strike of truckmen against United Parcel Service ordered its striking members yesterday to return to work tomorrow morning.

The executive board of Local 804 said in letters to its members that failure to report for work would be taken by the company as resignation from the job.

The strike, which has tied up deliveries in all of the metropolitan area except Staten Island, was begun as a protest against the discharge of a truckman who had been arrested on a charge of bookmaking, but was acquitted in court. Eleven shop stewards at the delivery service's distribution center at 12th Avenue and 43d Street walked out Aug. 31, despite a no-strike clause in the contract.

On Sept. 1 Burton B. Turkus, as arbitrator, directed the stewards to return to work. Only three returned and the company discharged the eight others. The unauthorized walkout then spread to 350 other members of the local.

### 3,000 Made Idle

The company suspended all deliveries last Wednesday, making idle about 3,000 truckmen who had not gone on strike.

Supreme Court Justice Abraham N. Geller signed an order yesterday calling on the local to show cause why he should not confirm Mr. Turkus's ruling. Court confirmation would make the strikers guilty of contempt if they continued the walkout. The order was returnable today but it was understood that the hearing would be put over until tomorrow.

United Parcel Service filed a civil action Friday in Federal Court seeking \$10-million damages from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, its Eastern Conference, its District Council 16 and Local 804. The claim was based on the union's alleged failure to exercise its responsibility under the no-strike clause in its contract with the company.

### 9 Won't Be Reinstated

A spokesman for the company said yesterday that all strikers who reported for work tomorrow would be reinstated except the eight stewards who were discharged for having started the walkout.

The spokesman also said the company would not take back the employe whose discharge led to the walkout. He said the man had been dismissed not for bookmaking but for "engaging in another occupation on company time while wearing company uniform."

Joseph Moynihan, secretary-treasurer of Local 804, said that because the strike was unauthorized the union had no record of which men had walked out before last Wednesday and which had been made idle by the company's shutdown. For that reason, he said, the letters ordering a return to work had gone to all members employed by United Parcel Service.

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