

**DOCUMENT 43 – COMMUNICATION FROM THE AMALGAMATED  
ASSOCIATION OF IRON AND STEEL WORKERS IN SUPPORT  
OF A RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE CALUMET AND BLUE ISLAND  
RAILROAD**

**June 3, 1895**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

To the Honorable,

The Mayor and City Council:

At a regular meeting of the Lakeside Lodge, No.9, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, held June 1st, 1895, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Whereas: There is now pending in the City Council of the City of Chicago a measure to give to the Calumet & Blue Island R.R. a right of way through the eastern portion of South Chicago, and

Whereas: The said right of way for said railway is necessary for the best interests of the business of the Illinois Steel Company, and

Whereas: the said Illinois Steel Company is about to construct and intends to construct certain plants giving employment to two thousand men who are our coworkers, if said right of way is granted, and

Whereas: The business men of South Chicago have unanimously asked the said Council to grant said right of way, and

Whereas: We believe that said right of way, if granted, will improve the condition of the workingman, causing an increased value to property owned by them, and giving employment to over two thousand men, and thus assisting and aiding in the development of South Chicago, where our homes are situated, and

Whereas: We believe from what we know of the means of ingress of the facilities for handling and egress of the material and product of the Illinois Steel Company that the present facilities are far from sufficient for present needs and necessities, to say nothing of the product of new plants costing one and three-quarters millions of dollars, and

Whereas: We believe that said grant to the Calumet & Blue Island R.R. will materially aid and help all workingmen employed or to be employed by said Illinois Steel Company, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That we request our Brother George W. Shepherd to present our request to the City Council of Chicago, and request him to use every honorable and honest effort to obtain the said right of way.

Fred F. Fair Pres

Fred A. Olsen

Rec. Sec