

Chronology

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MINNEAPOLIS TEAMSTERS STRIKE OF 1934

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| November | Local 574 launches an organizing drive in the Minneapolis coal yards. | 1933 | April 30 | Local 574 presents demands to eleven trucking firms.
Employers form a committee that grows to 166 firms who designate Joseph R. Cochran as spokesman. |
| | | | May 1 | Meeting sponsored by Regional Labor Board between Local 574 and employer representatives. |
| | | 1934 | May 14 | Local 574 votes to strike on May 16. |
| | | | May 16 | Strike begins. |
| January 5 | Meeting sponsored by the Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Labor Board between Local 574 and coal yard dealers. | | May 18 | Governor Olson attempts to mediate the dispute and end the strike. |
| February 2 | Local 574 votes to strike February 7 unless employers recognize the union. | | May 19 | Clash between police and strikers in the Market district. Strikers dispersed. |
| February 7 | Strike begins. | | May 21 | Committee of 25 recruits Special Deputies. |
| February 9 | Local 574 drops all demands except recognition. | | | Clash between police and strikers with inconclusive result. Thirty-seven injured. |
| February 10 | Strikers return to work believing they have won recognition. | | May 22 | "Battle of Deputies Run" between strikers and police and special deputies. Police and deputies driven from Market district. Two special deputies killed. |
| February 14, 15 | Elections in coal yards. | | | Governor Olson secures a 48 hour truce and attempts to mediate the dispute. |
| Early March | Citizens Alliance calls meeting of Minneapolis employers to warn of impending union drive. | | May 23 | |
| | | | May 25 | Agreement reached between Local 574 and the 166 employers. |
| | | | May 31 | Agreement signed. |
| | | | June 14 | Local 574 informs Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Labor Board that employers are not living up to the May 31 agreement. |
| | | | June 16 | Employers deny the charges. |