

SCRIBE ARTICLE FOR THE JANUARY 2012 POSTAL RECORD

At the Committee of Presidents meeting October 18 and 19, 2011, we unanimously passed a resolution urging Fred Rolando to work with the other Postal Unions, Richard Trumka and all Unions, community groups and other progressive groups in DC to organize a massive rally at the US Capitol (or another location selected by Rolando) so we can fight back and get the truth out about Postal Workers and the USPS. We are in the battle of our lives! In the fight for our very survival, we must use ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO WIN!!! Fred Rolando told me he was 100 percent in support of the idea to encircle the US Capitol with tens of thousands of workers.

Any person who has studied Labor history knows that all of our significant gains have come after action in the streets. One of the best examples is of our own Union. Because of the great Postal Strike of 1970, we won Collective Bargaining. This gave us our very fine grievance/arbitration procedure, more than 120 pay increases and countless other benefits. We went from qualifying for food stamps to making more than \$55,000.00 per year.

So, what happened to the strategy the NALC presidents came up with? Instead, the militant idea was replaced with a petition drive (a much softer approach) and hand over these petitions to representatives of Congress. An approach that seldom ever achieves it's objective!

I want to thank Richard Koritz, past president of Greensboro, NC, for coming all the way to Rockville, Maryland to install our officers. He also gave a good speech stating that we are part of the 99% and should unite with the occupy movements against the corporate greed of Wall Street that now threatens to destroy the universal public Postal Service and our good Union jobs.

IN THE STRUGGLE,

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