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**Notice to the Officers and Members  
of the Knights of Labor regarding  
the Pullman Palace Car Boycott,  
from James R. Sovereign,  
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To the Officers and Members  
of the Knights of Labor Everywhere—

*Greeting:*

This is an official notice to inform you that the American Railway Union has declared a boycott against the cars and equipment of the Pullman Palace Car Company, taking effect June 26, 1894, as a result of the refusal of said company to arbitrate the differences existing between said company and their employees or to entertain any proposition looking to an amicable adjustment.

It has been the policy of the Pullman Company to reduce the wages of its employees until the starvation point has been reached, and as a last resort said employees entered upon a strike to protect themselves and their families against utter degradation.

The railway corporations of the country, through their general managers, have formed a coalition with the Pullman Company and have declared in a series of resolutions that they will assist said company in resisting the demands of their employees with all the means and influence at their command.

In view of this fact it behooves you as members of the Knights of Labor to render the striking members of the Ameri-

can Railway Union such assistance as can consistently be given in their fight against plutocratic enslavement.

It will be borne in mind that the orders of the Knights of Labor and the American Railway Union are affiliated and are working together in unison and harmony in all things in which their mutual interests are involved. The time has come for unity of action. The sons of toil must stand together, shoulder to shoulder, in the great conflict that is now raging. There must be no dissension or division. Unification is the one supreme demand. The American Railway Union stands ready at any and all times to reciprocate in any way in their power. In fact, the American Railway Union and the Knights of Labor are simply two divisions of the great army fighting not only tyranny but the tyrant as well. You are hereby urgently requested to not only prosecute with all possible power the boycott against the Pullman palace cars but all railway corporations aiding said Pullman Company. This is a fight between united labor and monopolistic corporations, and labor must win, cost what it may. The American Railway Union is aiding us in forming local assemblies of our order and we owe them our united support in this struggle for the emancipation of the wageworkers from the thralldom of greed and avarice.

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