

DO3 – Don Ouellette, “Skeptical View of the Unions-Bridgeport Brass”

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DO: Things were going well as far as I was concerned. I was never one to mix in. They used to ask me if I wanted to be a steward. And I said, "Well, as far as I'm concerned, if a man is wrong he shouldn't be protected. If he can't do his job he shouldn't be protected." That was my feeling about the union. As far as I'm concerned that is. I never had no problem. I know one thing. I was called on jury duty and in those days they didn't pay nothing. I got ten dollars and that was it for a week. Almost a whole month I was out. I was out three years in a row. And finally in the third year of being called for duty, finally the union put in a clause where I would get ten dollars from the court and the company would pay me the rest.