

# **Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division Of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters**

## *President's Labor Day Message To The Membership*

Brothers and Sisters:

On this Labor Day 2009, while we enjoy our negotiated paid holiday with family and friends, let us pause to honor workers and their labor. On this Labor Day, let us also pause to remember all those who lost their lives building and defending our nation at home and abroad.

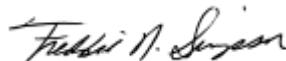
It is Workers who built this nation; not stockholders. It is Workers who defend this nation; not the privileged. It is Workers who sustain this economy, not Wall Street speculators.

Despite all of our nations' wealth and power, without Labor, not a wheel would turn; not a building would rise; not a field would bear fruit. Labor generates our nation's wealth, and Labor brings dignity to mankind. Absent Labor, there could be no wealth. And absent the dignity of Labor, there could be no civilized society.

On this Labor Day, in spite of those who malign Labor and seek its demise, we stand in solidarity with our Sister Unions throughout the United States and the world to demand fair wages, fair trade, non-discrimination, freedom to organize, and health care for all. And on this Labor Day, we affirm our commitment to support political leaders who share our values and vision for a better America and a safer and more just world.

On behalf of your National Division Officers, I wish all BMWED members and their families a safe, enjoyable, and memorable Labor Day. By the sweat of your brow and your contributions to society, you have earned this day and the respect of our nation.

In Solidarity,



President