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EXCERPT FROM POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS (1940) PARAGRAPH 5, SECTION 464

LABORER'S DUTIES

Laborers shall not be assigned to clerical duties. The work to which laborers shall be assigned consists of loading and unloading motor trucks, trucking mail in the office, setting up and taking down bag racks, dumping mail, making simple distribution of parcels by numbers where no scheme knowledge or reading of addresses is involved, operating cancelling machines, cleaning and oiling cancelling machines, conveyors, etc., carrying mail from cancelling machines to distribution cases and from letter drops to facing tables, handling empty pouches and sacks, and such other similar work as the postmaster may direct.

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The duties of post office laborers, as set forth in paragraph 5, section 464 of the Postal Laws and Regulations, 1940, include the loading and unloading of mail trucks.

The provisions stated contemplate that laborers shall assist in placing the load of mail inside the truck also in removing the load therefrom, provided such cooperation will result in a more expeditious handling of the mail involved. It should be understood, however, that laborers are not to be used as stated when train or delivery trip connections do not render such cooperation actually necessary, nor in any circumstances to the extent that motor vehicle employees will not be required to perform fully their regularly prescribed duties within the trucks.

In general, post office laborers shall perform laborer work of any kind assigned to them by their supervisors except that prohibited by paragraph 5, section 464, of the Postal Laws and Regulations.

All postmasters involved will cause due notice to be taken of the foregoing and be governed accordingly.

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