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HOURS WORKED IN TRUCKING CLARIFIED

Truck drivers riding in the trucks' sleeping berths while the relief driver is at the wheel need not be compensated in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act for time so spent according to an opinion announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the Department of Labor. Mr. Walling emphasized that all other time spent right on the truck and furthering the employer's business would be considered "hours worked" and hence compensable under the Act.

This position of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, Mr. Walling stated, is in accord with that of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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