

King Declares Victory on the Heels of Defeat: New UAW leader breaks the trend

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After three consecutive defeats the new UAW won a stunning victory in Saginaw, Mi. at a GM automotive supplier named Nextier.

Just one week ago UAW members in Saginaw turned down a concession contract by a three to one margin. It was the third time in seven months that UAW members had rejected contracts that cut their wages and sacrificed union work rules. But UAW International leaders inspired by the fiery rhetoric of their new president teamed up with GM managers and rammed the concession contract down their throats. It was a lesson in company union partnership.

“I’m so proud,” Bob King said.

After the initial concession riddled contract was rejected, GM and the UAW Concession Caucus implemented a two prong strategy. Management laid off workers and signaled in no uncertain terms that they would close the plant. Simultaneously, the UAW Concession Caucus circulated petitions for a revote. The double fork tactic penetrated deep into enemy territory. Territory controlled by rank & file UAW members.

Workers reversed the vote and a Chinese company has offered to buy the workers—lock, stock, and broken barrel. The takeover will leave GM owning all the patents and intellectual property and technology. The Chinese company will assume managerial responsibilities.

Gerald Kareim, the new UAW Regional 1-D Director said, “We showed them who’s boss.”

Bob King, the newly minted UAW International President, was glowing. “UAW members can work for less than any non union company in the world. I dare any company to lower the standard. Our members will eat dirt to under bid their competitors. We are world class undercutters.”

“The general public has not yet acknowledged that the UAW is a leader in cutting labor costs to the bone,” said Dr. Rob M. Blind, president of the Center for Automotive Restructuring. “But more and more companies will be seeking the UAW’s expertise in labor relations.”

Local Union leaders will be retiring post haste with generous buyouts and full GM pensions. “We’re willing to make sacrifices so young people can have a chance to pursue their dreams,” said outgoing Concession Caucus appointee Buck Emall.

At \$12 an hour and no pension it will be a long pursuit, but the UAW has cornered the market on cheap labor and a strike fund with a portfolio that reads like a pyramid scheme.

A UAW Local Union in Indiana has refused to bargain for concessions.

“UAW Local 23 in Indianapolis thinks they’re the Alamo,” said Bob King. “But my Concession Caucus sees Bonanza. Hoss Davison and Little Joe Peter will turn defeat into victory.”