

If you've ever thrown a single piece of bread into a pack of chickens and have seen even the weak little chicks scrambling for a peck, you then have some idea of what happens when a truck with one or two jobs to offer comes into an area where hundreds of laborers are both jobless and hungry.

We have seen drivers come into the 22nd Street South area and the Booker's Creek area and yell "I want two." Usually 10 or 15 have jumped onto the truck before the words are out. An enterprising job hunter seeks out the trucks before they get into the areas used as hangouts by jobless casual laborers.

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Hundreds of people saw an enterprising job seeker crushed beneath the wheels of a slow-moving van Friday afternoon. The victim, asking for a job unloading the large van, tried to jump onto the running board and slipped from the wet metal to the pavement and was killed.

More people should try to create more jobs for common laborers here to prevent the need for the mad scuffle for a few hours of work. How to do this we do not know, but it is a problem we all must tackle. The interdependence of us all makes each of us somewhat responsible for the economic situation which led to the death of the jobless laborer.

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