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The tentative agreement between unions and railroad carriers was brokered last month with the help of the Biden administration's Presidential Emergency Board. It would add one additional paid day off and allow workers to take unpaid days to get medical care without being penalized by their employers; workers have denounced a lack of any paid sick time. The deal also included a pay raise of about 20% by 2024.

Rail carriers have seen their profits soar in recent years while workers' wages remained stagnant.

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