

became close to the D'Andrea family. The president of local 2 was Joseph D'Andrea, brother to Anthony D'Andrea, a local Democratic powerhouse with connections to every organized crime figure of the times. Joey D'Andrea got his starts as a Black Hand goon under the control of James "Big Jim" Colosimo, the ruling boss of Chicago's red right district. Through Colosimo, Joseph was placed in the Excavators' union as a business agent. Joseph's power grew, as he became a force in Chicago labor. It was believed that Joey D'Andrea introduced labor racketeering and the system of exploiting Italian immigrant workers to the city of Chicago. In September of 1914, Joseph D'Andrea was walking down Halsted Street when a man approached him saying, "I believe I know you." As he extended his hand D'Andrea, who said he had never seen the man before, extended his hand to shake the other mans hand when the man pulled out a sawed-off shotgun and blazed a shot into D'Andrea's left hip. He would later die from his wound.

Antonio D'Andrea was born in Italy in 1872. He studied law and graduated from the University of Palermo. Anthony who at one time became a Catholic priest with his two brothers Horse and Louis D'Andrea, left the priest hood and became a different kind of criminal, he became a wealthy lawyer. In 1903, Anthony was released after serving 13 months in Joliet prison for a counterfeit ring conviction. In 1916, he ran against Democratic alderman John "The Mourner" Powers of the old 19th Ward for the seat. Antonio was defeated.

Both Joey and Anthony D'Andrea became Fosco's mentors and with in two years he was elected secretary-treasure of the local. On September 18, 1918, Peter Fosco became a United States citizen; his two sponsors were Anthony D'Andrea and Daniel Barone, a real estate dealer who lived at 1539 West Oak Street.

In 1918, the labor wars of Chicago were covering the streets red in blood. The constant control of the labor unions in Chicago was leaving bodies on every street corner. It was at this time Fosco became a student of a political powerhouse in Chicago named Giuseppe, "Diamond Joe" Esposito.