

with great political clout it was time to give politics another shot. This time he would jump political sides and join the Democrats. In 1938, Peter Fosco was elected Democratic Committeeman of the mob controlled First Ward known as the 20th ward at that time, and was elected to the Cook County Board as Commissioner.

After his election, he made the news as it was reported that his union had made between \$60,000 to \$80,000 in union initiation fees and dues from the digging of the new Chicago subways. Shortly after, one of his business agents in the Tunnel union was the victim of a shooting. Business agent Jerry Sasso, his half brother Frank Delondi, and a former tavern owner Gabriel Garry were the victims of a hit. Though Sasso escaped without being shot, both Delondi and Garry were hit by flying bullets. No one was killed as they both recovered from their injuries. Peter Fosco denied the shooting had anything to do with union affairs. It was noted that Gabriel Garry had been arrested for a murder in 1936, but had been exonerated.

One of the most important things Peter Fosco did while he was both First Ward Committee man and Cook County Commissioner, was take many Chicago labor locals, and make them into one powerful local. In August of 1940, Fosco's partner in crime Mike Carozzo died, and Frank "Frankie X" Esposito was given his post. Along with Peter Fosco, Chicago labor powers Sam Kart; nephew of the late Tony D'Andera, Anthony C. D'Andrea, Murray "The Camel" Humphreys, and Frank Esposito gathered and combined all the street worker unions into one local, which carried the number of local 1001.

Peter Fosco vs. the FBI

In June 1940, an article from the "La Italia" newspaper reported that a ceremony was being held awarding honors to a Doctor Eugene Chesrow and others for collecting funds for the Italian Red Cross. Eugene Chesrow, a one-time colonel in the United States Army Medical Reserves who had been discharged from his commission as a result of his activities with the Italian Army in Ethiopia. His commission, however, was restored in