# Miguel Ortega

Track Foreman

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## SUMMARY

Track foreman with 11 years in railroad track work, the last 5 leading gangs of 6-12 people on tie, rail and turnout projects for freight railroads. Obtains track authority, runs job briefings under roadway worker protection rules, and finishes work windows on time while meeting FRA Track Safety Standards.

## EXPERIENCE

### Track Foreman

03/2021 - Present

Southern Steel Rail Contractors

Birmingham, AL

*Railroad contractor building and maintaining track for Class I, short-line and industrial customers.*

- Lead tie, surfacing and turnout gangs of 6-12 people on 20+ projects a year worth up to **$2.4M** each.
- Secure track authority from dispatch and run daily job briefings, with zero roadway worker protection violations in 5 years.
- Built 14 industry turnouts and 3 miles of spur track for a steel mill expansion, finishing 2 weeks early.
- Plan material and equipment needs for each work window, cutting idle machine hours 18%.

### Track Machine Operator

04/2017 - 02/2021

Magic City Track Services

Bessemer, AL

*Track maintenance contractor running tie and surfacing programs on freight lines in Alabama and Georgia.*

- Operated tampers, ballast regulators and spike drivers on mainline tie programs of 5,000+ ties.
- Led 4-person crews as acting foreman on 30 night and weekend work windows.
- Recorded track geometry readings after each job and fixed 100% of defects before releasing track.

### Trackman

06/2015 - 03/2017

Warrior River Railway

Tuscaloosa, AL

*Short-line railroad serving coal, timber and chemical customers.*

- Replaced ties, spikes and anchors on 40 miles of yard and branch line track.
- Installed about 400 rail anchors a day on a production anchor gang.
- Earned a CDL Class A and hi-rail truck qualification within the first year.

## SKILLS

- Crew Supervision
- Track Authority
- Job Briefings
- Roadway Worker Protection
- FRA Track Safety Standards
- Turnout Construction
- Tie and Rail Replacement
- Track Geometry
- Material Planning
- Leadership

## EDUCATION

### High School Diploma

05/2015

Hueytown High School

Hueytown, AL

## CERTIFICATES

### Roadway Worker Protection, Employee in Charge

03/2021

Southern Steel Rail Contractors

### FRA Part 213 Qualified Track Inspector

06/2021

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### Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class A

11/2016

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency