

## **You Will Be Notified of the Decision in Your Case**



You will receive a notice in the mail from the Social Security Administration as soon as a decision has been reached in your case. After you have done your part about getting the evidence on your disability, you do not need to do anything more. If it seems like a long wait to you, you can be sure that the time taken is in your interest—so that all the facts can be carefully studied and a proper decision made.

A notice that your disability application has been denied does not mean that a decision has been made about your right to benefits when you reach retirement age or the right of your survivors to benefits in

case of your death. It means only that you are not now eligible to receive disability insurance benefits. But when you apply for benefits at 62 or later you may still get the advantage of the provision in the law which permits the dropping out of at least 5 years in which you had low earnings or no earnings at all. This “drop-out” may be made whether or not a worker has ever been kept from working because of a disability.

## **If Your Application Is Denied**

If you get a letter notifying you that your application has been denied, it will tell you the reason. It may be that the doctors and other experts who have studied your case have found that your condition is not serious enough to prevent you from doing some other kind of work. Or the evidence may show that your condition is of a type which is not likely to continue indefinitely or which could be improved by treatment so that you could work.