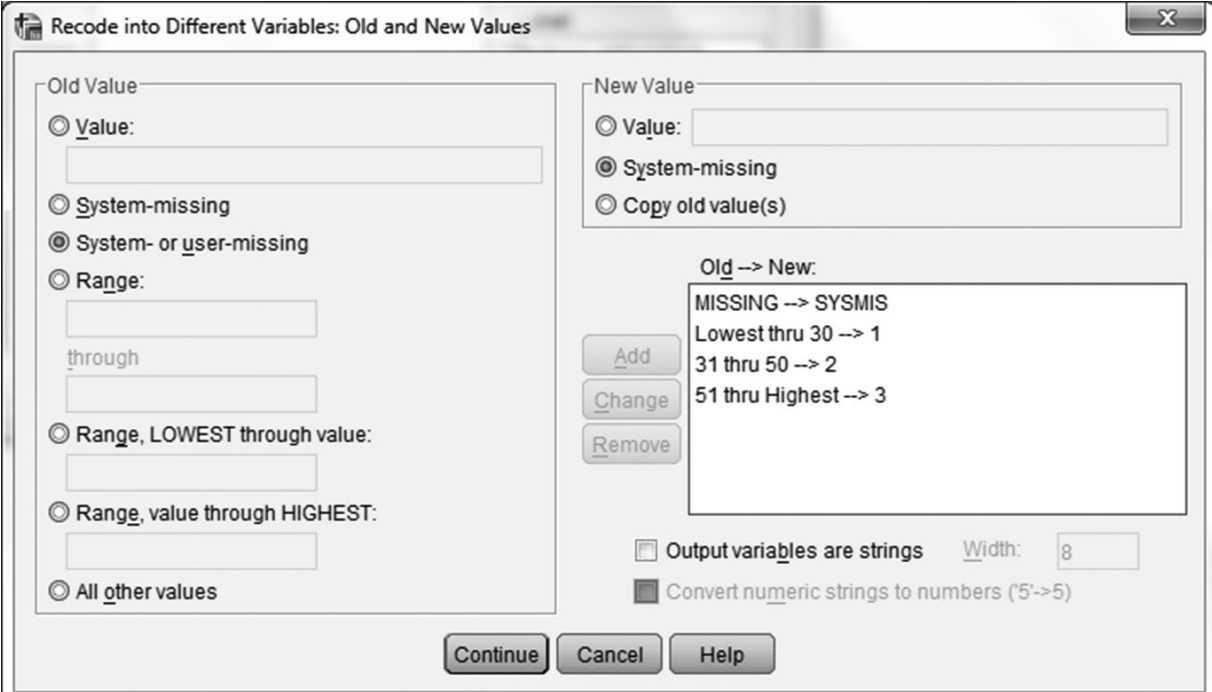


**Figure 3-9** Collapsing an Interval-level Variable into Categories



The image shows the 'Recode into Different Variables: Old and New Values' dialog box in SPSS. The 'Old Value' section on the left has 'System- or user-missing' selected. The 'New Value' section on the right has 'System-missing' selected. The 'Old --> New:' list contains three entries: 'MISSING --> SYSMIS', 'Lowest thru 30 --> 1', and '31 thru 50 --> 2'. The 'Output variables are strings' checkbox is checked, and the 'Width' is set to 8. The 'Convert numeric strings to numbers' checkbox is unchecked. At the bottom are 'Continue', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons.

**Recode into Different Variables: Old and New Values**

**Old Value**

- ☐ Value:
- ☐ System-missing
- ☒ System- or user-missing
- ☐ Range:
- ☐ Range, LOWEST through value:
- ☐ Range, value through HIGHEST:
- ☐ All other values

**New Value**

- ☐ Value:
- ☒ System-missing
- ☐ Copy old value(s)

**Old --> New:**

- MISSING --> SYSMIS
- Lowest thru 30 --> 1
- 31 thru 50 --> 2
- 51 thru Highest --> 3

☒ Output variables are strings    Width: 8

☐ Convert numeric strings to numbers ('5'-->5)

**Continue**   **Cancel**   **Help**