

Your Honor

My name is Rodney Matteson, I worked for Peabody Coal Co for a total of twenty three years. I have twenty one and a half years of eligibility and am drawing my pension from UMWA pension fund. My Income consists of my small pension and social security. My wife is disabled and is drawing Disability.

We have no savings due to some different major personable and medical reasons.

I just want to say that I have never worked a day for Patriot Coal. I think that you know as well as I that Patriot Coal was set up to do exactly what they are trying to do now and that is get out of paying our Medical and Pension funds.

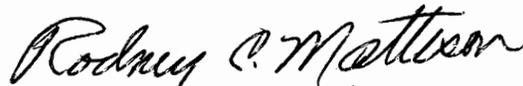
Peabody Coal Company had several years of coal reserves at the Lynnville mine for us to process but at that time around 1998 or close Peabody coal purchased controlling interest in Black Beauty Coal co. they then transferred our contracts with Indianapolis power and light to Black Beauty Coal. Their actions was strictly to get around their obligations to the UMWA members. They closed down active production of Coal on Dec 31, 1999. There were stipulations in the UMWA contract at that time that if A miner worked one day in the year of 2000, that each eligible miner would receive Forty dollars more on their Pension check but Peabody would not allow that to happen. Indianapolis Power and light offered to pay each member's wages for that day but to no avail. I was laid off Dec 31,1999

Today as I write this Black Beauty Coal is mining the reserves at the Lynnville Mine in Lynnville Indiana. Other affiliates of Peabody Coal is mining the other reserves round an about Lynnville area the Squaw Creek Mine area that was also a Peabody Coal UMWA mine. Is also being mined in the same manner.

Patriot Coal has said in their communications, that they intend to continue doing business as usual., No changes. I do not feel that it is right for Peabody Coal to create a Company and give over Our benefits to them strictly to get around their obligations to it's retired miners. This action will be devastating to me an my wife as well as to thousands of other Retired miners.

Please hold Peabody Coal responsible and make them pick back up that responsibility. It is some crocked dealings that they are trying to get away with. PLEASE !!!!!!!! Don't let them get away with this .

Respectfully Your



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