

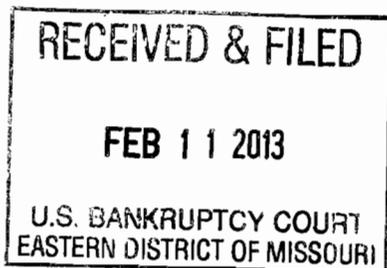
Your Honor,

My name is Lucian Brown and I am writing concerning the Patriot Coal bankruptcy case. I went to work for Eastern Associated Coal Company in 1968, which was bought out by Peabody Coal Company. I worked 35 years for this company, 25 years of which I worked as a roof bolter. I retired in December 2002 while still employed by Peabody Coal Company. In 2003 I suffered 5 mini strokes and in 2005 I was diagnosed with lung cancer. In October 2005 I had the upper lobe of my right lung removed. The doctor removed three lymph nodes with which he said were packed with rock dust.

I can't breathe as good as I did before the surgery and suffer from Pulmonary Hypertension, High Blood Pressure. High Cholesterol, and back pain. I have been fortunate enough to have worked those thirty-five years with just broken bones and problems with my back, neck, and lungs.

My wife is also dependent on this health care. She has had to have two shoulder surgeries and back surgery and will probably have to have another back surgery. She is having heart problems as well. She is sixty years old and I am sixty-four years old. Our medications are very expensive and we depend on the promises that were made to us by these coal companies.

I have been told while working for this company that I was an asset to them but now that we are a liability to them, they want to go back on their promises. We have been treated for these conditions regularly, with medications and doctors visits to keep updated on our health. Please consider these facts when you make your decision.



Respectfully,
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