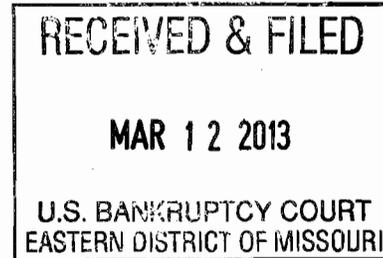


February 26, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Re: Case No 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 S. 10th St. 4th Floor
St. Louis MO 63102



Mr. Ned Wright
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Your Honorable Judge Surratt-States:

This letter is in regards to the bankruptcy case of Patriot Coal filed against the members of many coal companies. I would like to tell you my story with Peabody Coal Co that sold out to Patriot Coal. As I am disabled, I feel I desire this right. I began working as a construction worker for Peabody Coal Co. in 1973 and moved my family to Coshocton, Ohio to make a decent living. We moved several times after that to Harrisburg, IL and Braidwood IL. The work became limited and I was laid off. My family and myself moved back to Ky. I then got a job for Peabody Coal Underground in Sebree Ky and we moved again. That mines was low and became full of gas and they had to close it down. I was placed on a panel and my family and I was again moved to Sparta, IL, were I was employed at Baldwin Underground Mines for Peabody Coal Co. I worked many jobs in that mines but in 1983 I injured my back and had to have surgery, however with therapy I was able to return to work, only to hurt my back again in 1984. I again recovered and returned to work. But in 1985 I injured my back so bad that Dr Murphy and Dr. Schultz had to fuse five donor bones in my spine therefore disabling me and I was told the least thing could happen and I would be in a wheelchair. Peabody Coal Co. fought this injury from from 1985 to 1991 before they settled with me. They attempted to say I hurt my back checking the oil in my truck. I had to hire Robert Nelson Atty at Law to pursue legal action. He had to take this case all the way to the Supreme Court, But he won it. In the settlement I was ask if I would take more of a monetary settlement to drop my benefits including Health Insurance and and Prescription benefits.. After discussion about how bad my back is I told the federal judge that I would settle for less money and health and prescriptions benefits until my death and as long as my spouse did not remarry she would be entitled to them.. I feel like Peabody sold these portions of their company like a ponzee scheme just to get rid of all the old miners and the diabled miners. I did my share for Peabody and now am disabled and my wife has to work and before she didn't that makes meless of a man

I really hope you listen to all the UMWA members as we are all real humans out here trying to make a living. I now have Diabetes and Renal Failure. We are not some big corpportaton tryhing to beat some hard workers that gave their all and continue to do so.

If possible I would appreciate a reply. Thank you for your time and respect in reading this.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ned Wright".

