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homeland Arkansas and Texas had a 100 per cent Union of 20,000 members and was one of the most powerful districts in the Miners' Union.

Ohio and the Pittsburgh District of Western Pennsylvania and Central Pennsylvania were among the premier districts—militant, forceful and effective with an aggregate membership of 120,000.

Today the combined membership of all these districts would not make more than a fair-sized Local Union of the mine workers employed in these various districts, defenseless and obliged to accept whatever wage the mine owners are willing to pay.

According to reports submitted by the Bridgeport Mine Workers of America, the working force of the coal mines of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada, totals 150,000.

With the exception of the miners of the coal fields of the United States, Canada, and Australia, the miners of the world are organized in the International Miners' Union, which has 1,000,000 members. The miners of the United States are organized in the United Mine Workers of America, which has 300,000 members. The miners of Canada are organized in the Canadian Miners' Union, which has 100,000 members. The miners of Australia are organized in the Australian Miners' Union, which has 100,000 members. The miners of the world are organized in the International Miners' Union, which has 1,000,000 members.

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## The Discredit Illinois

WILLIAM D. LEWIS, who wants to destroy a Union, the next best thing he can do is to break up his coal and division and then

try to do it from the outside. In observation, the Illinois coal and division has been bombarded by the miners, who are desperately trying to do what they should be doing.

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Inside Line  
Motor City



working force and the right to hire and discharge are vested exclusively in the operator.

The above is the wage scale generally paid in Ohio, with the exception of a few small companies, employing a handful of men who were signed up on a \$5.00 per day basis with Lewis' full knowledge and approval.

In addition to the niggardly wages paid, the Ohio Mine Owners are now forcing applicants for employment to submit to physical examination and only those strong and alert are employed.

At a miners meeting held in Jacksonville, Illinois, for thirty years this company operated under Union protection and paid exactly the same wages as were paid in Illinois, but Lewis, on the basis of a grave mistake, forced the Ohio Mine Owners to operate non-union with the result shown.

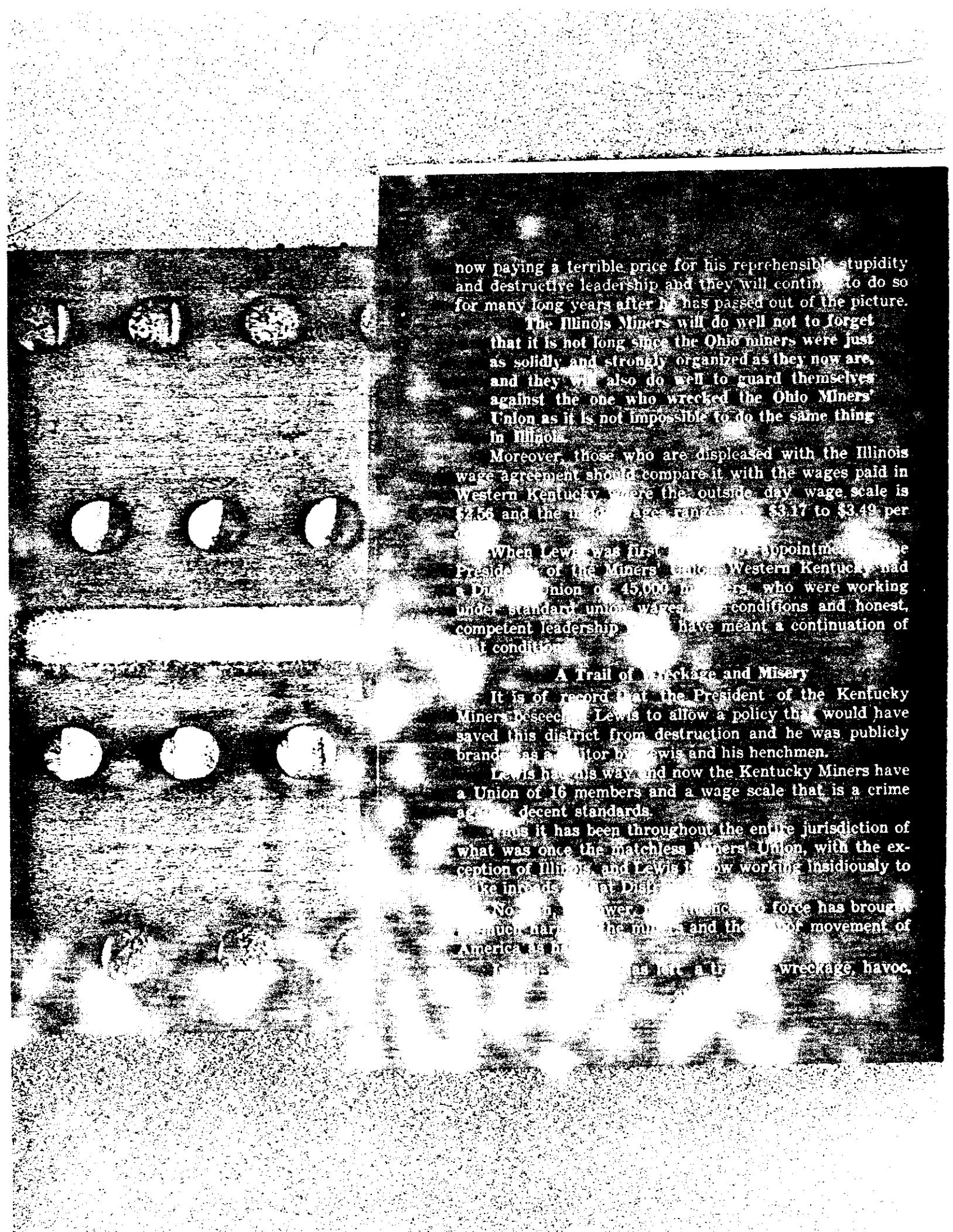
Sincere and courageous miners have done their best to save the Ohio Mine, but Lewis has sacrificed them their present degradation.

Lewis had ample warning of the dangers of his course prior to the formation of the Jacksonville Agreement.

It is told by the mine officers that not a single mine owner in Ohio would pay the Jacksonville scale and the mine owners were constantly asking for terms that would permit them to continue operating on a union basis.

But no mine owners would take no backward step, and he stubbornly and stupidly held them to an impossible position until they were forced over backward, head over heels by economic forces that no human agency could overcome, and now with the Union wrecked the Ohio miners are obliged to accept whatever wage the mine owners choose to pay.

For downright blundering mad, unisonous stupidity, Lewis, the disloyal leadership, Lewis, Ohio, is the most unequalled by any leader in the history of America.



now paying a terrible price for his reprehensible stupidity and destructive leadership and they will continue to do so for many long years after he has passed out of the picture.

The Illinois Miners will do well not to forget that it is not long since the Ohio miners were just as solidly and strongly organized as they now are, and they will also do well to guard themselves against the one who wrecked the Ohio Miners' Union as it is not impossible to do the same thing in Illinois.

Moreover, those who are displeased with the Illinois wage agreement should compare it with the wages paid in Western Kentucky where the outside day wage scale is \$2.56 and the inner wage range is \$3.17 to \$3.49 per

When Lewis was first appointed to the Presidency of the Miners' Union of Western Kentucky had a District Union of 450 miners, who were working under standard union wages, good conditions and honest, competent leadership. This have meant a continuation of good condition.

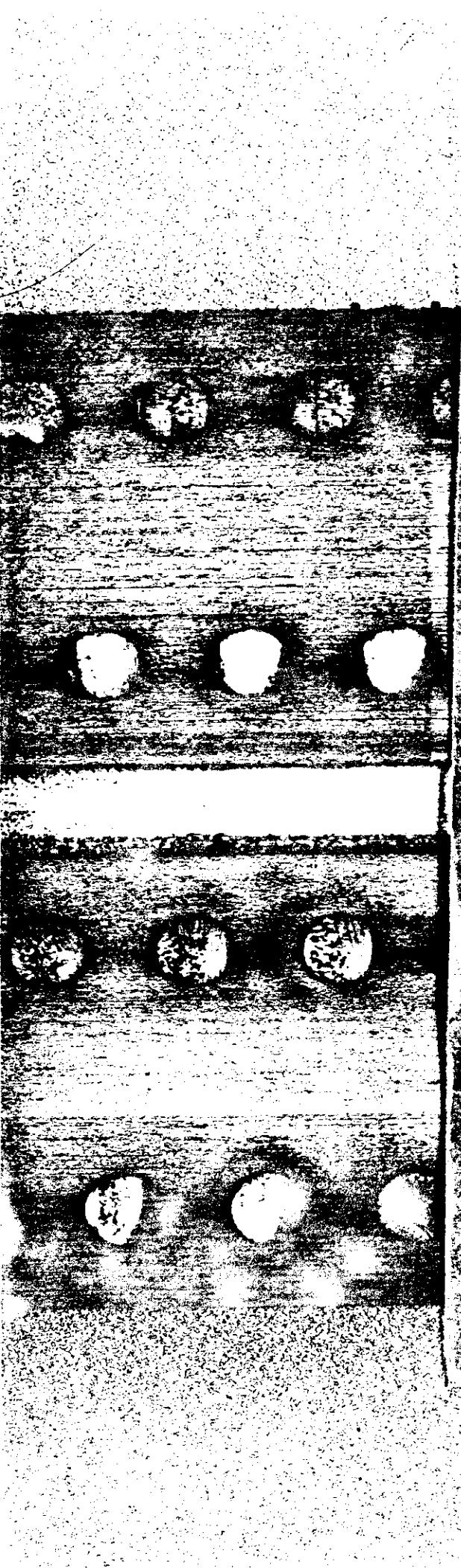
#### A Trail of Wreckage and Misery

It is of record that the President of the Kentucky Miners succeeded in getting Lewis to allow a policy that would have saved this district from destruction and he was publicly branded as a traitor by Lewis and his henchmen.

Lewis has his way and now the Kentucky Miners have a Union of 16 members and a wage scale that is a crime against decent standards.

Thus it has been throughout the entire jurisdiction of what was once the matchless Miners' Union, with the exception of Illinois, and Lewis is now working insidiously to bring into effect at District No. 1.

No other power in public force has brought such carnage and misery and the spirit of movement of America as has Lewis and his gang, adding to a life of wreckage, havoc,



chaos, misery and woe and poverty. Distress and despair is sure to follow and be the lot of millions of defenseless men, women and children.

Some may ask what is the motive behind this expose of the havoc caused by Lewis.

There is no motive other than a desire to warn the Illinois Miners to be on their guard against the one who caused the havoc and who is now trying to win them over by false pretension and who, by all thinking means, is trying to regain the lost confidence of the Illinois Miners by destroying their confidence in others who are earnestly working to protect their interest and save their U.S.A. from the deadly influence that has destroyed every other District in the coal and fields of the country.

No matter how high they may be placed in the U.S.A. it is the mountebank's record that should command the respect of any one but a Union-baiting Agent. And if the miners allow themselves to be duped by his lies and trickery, they certainly will pay a great price for their naivete.

True to their usual practice Lewis and his sycophantic henchmen will try to discount and discredit this record of his devastating leadership by spewing a lot of words at the author, but that will be aside from the question that will be answered when they do; but the Illinois miners should not allow anyone to divert their attention nor to delude them by drawing a red herring over the trail.

The question is: did Lewis work the United Mine Workers of America?

The records and the deplorable practices of the workers of the country prove he did and did so for the benefit of the coal companies and the banks.

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## "Illinois Miners Be On Your Guard"

MY ATTENTION is directed to the fact that certain  
miners representing the International Union of  
United Mine Workers of America are dis-  
seminating literature among the Illinois miners and particularly  
those in Franklin County, in an endeavor to discredit the  
miners' leaders and to win favor for John L. Lewis.  
The miners bomb squad is using my name in connec-  
tion with their evil propaganda and in reference to the  
miners in Franklin County Illinois in order to cause discord  
among the miners.

I am a member of the Communist Party and I have been  
for my activity very much to becoming  
involved in the recent school board district election  
and the conduct of the miners' union past

considering that they HAVE connected my name with  
their propagandistic activities. I feel it is my right to speak  
out against them and that it is my duty to do what I  
can to help the Illinois miners to be successful.

Trade Union Movement than have all other causes combined.

That is the purpose of those who are now persecuted among the Illinois Miners and to make their work effective they are trying to cover up their own wrongdoing by charging others with transgressions.

That will be their mode of procedure. They will try to discredit and discredit my words of warning by trying to discredit

They will tell the retraction signed by me in 1910, but Lewis will not tell that I most steadfastly refused to sign the retraction and that it was only upon the earnest solicitation of Mr. Lewis, and other supposed to be friends, that I finally agreed to do so.

Then too they will claim to bring forth for the attention of the Illinois Miners a letter written by me to the president of the Peabody Coal Company with reference to my contract with that company.

I am sorry that Lewis has not sent me the photostatic copy of it before now.

I shall relieve him of the necessity for doing so by now making known the substance of it.

I do not know the letter to be me.  
By some means this manuscript was unknown to me,  
and in my twist hand  
I have had it for many years.  
I have no memory but  
the name of the man  
who gave it to me.

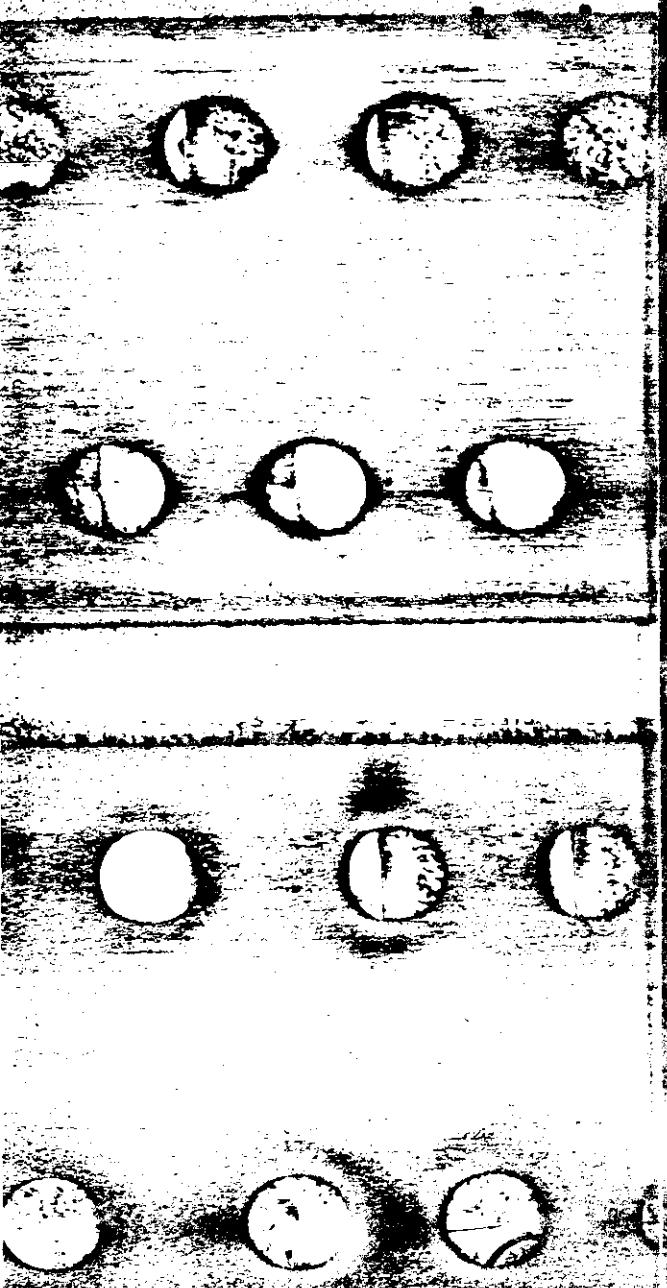
The date of the letter  
is unknown to me.

The place where it was written  
is unknown to me.

The object of the letter  
is unknown to me.

The terms of the letter  
are unknown to me.

With what company  
the letter was written  
is unknown to me.



Illinois Miners, and that I could do the Illinois Operators more good by continuing as president of the miners, than I could if I went to work for the Peabody Coal Company, and I told him I would rather be at home fighting for the miners than to be over there among the Frogs and Wops.

Lewis made much ado over this letter when it got into his hands and he placed an interpretation upon it that in his heart he knew was not intended, and made it appear that during the years I served as president of the Illinois Miners, I was acting as a stool-pigeon and spy for the Illinois operators.

In his craven heart he knew that when I said "I could do the operators more good by continuing as president of the Miners," that I meant that by continuing in that position I could do more toward bringing about a workable wage agreement that would enable the operators to sell their coal in competition with non-union coal, and thereby give the miners some work, than I could if I went to work for the Peabody Coal Company.

If while acting as president of the Illinois Miners, I was playing the part of a spy for the operators, Peabody would not have paid me \$25,000.00 per year for three years to get me out of that position. Instead, if that were the case, he would have paid me the amount stated to continue as president as my usefulness as a spy would end when I gave up the presidency.

Any simpleton ought to be able to see that. There is another angle to this matter that requires some explanation from Lewis.

#### How Did Lewis Get Letter?

How did he get the letter?

Peabody would not and has not told me.

He told me Lewis filed his office files and got it, but that is not the truth.

That story is tooairy for even an idiot to believe.

What do you think?

But I don't know those who think so.  
I think there must have been an intimate relationship between Lewis and Peabody and a regular conspiracy between them to get rid of me.  
I am afraid of the Illinois miners. Unlike our old  
friends, they could not have given me the letter from Peabody.

Stop and figure it out for yourself.

How did Lewis get the letter if Peabody did not give  
it to him?

If I was a spy for Peabody why did he conspire with  
Lewis to get me out as president of the Illinois Miners?

Who were the operators afraid of—Lewis or me?

My record as president of the Illinois Miners stands  
without a blemish.

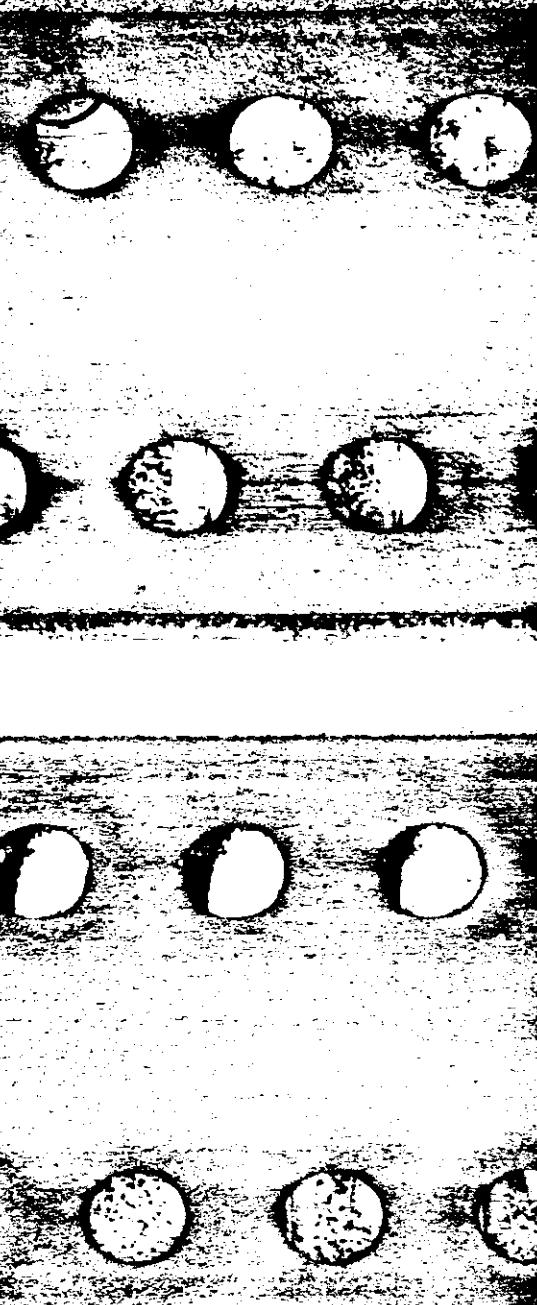
The accomplishment of my administration and the  
institutions created during twelve years of my supervision  
stand up as a monument to my efforts.

#### Why Organized in Illinois

I did the work that no mine organization had  
ever done before. I knew how and I did it myself and I took  
my own rights as best I could, notwithstanding much  
mouth talk to the contrary, and the institutions created  
largely and largely under my supervision are the only  
one of many others to withstand the Mayor of Lewis  
Minership, and they are part of the well known fact  
that the miners are the only ones to have  
done the heavy work in its construction. Had there been  
no miners in Illinois, the mine would have fallen with the rest.

Illinois has no voice for an International Organization  
of miners. Other countries have their foreign bodies, but  
hundreds of thousands of disorganized miners elsewhere  
have no hope in Illinois.

We the organizers assigned to work in Illinois  
are not to be neglected.



they telling the Illinois Miners that the  
agreement was fixed up by Farrington and  
that Long was opposed to a wage reduc-

What are they saying district elections are corrupted?  
What are they saying your district officials are  
corrupted? What are they saying everything connected with the adminis-  
tration in your district area is rotten?

Why are they saying Lewis is going to clean house  
the Illinois Midway?

And why did Lewis recently issue a public statement that the wholesale buying of votes and the corruption of district elections must be stopped?

way as Lewis whispering around that there was something grossly wrong with the defense of the men who were indicted and arrested over the trouble at the mine some time several years ago?

**Champion of India**  
The most remarkable boot-blacking lacquer, muttering and  
talking lacquer.

John D. Louderback was bitterly despised and right-  
fully so, for he owned 96 per cent of the Illinois Mine

What has been done to win their favor and retain their support.

work of destruction. There was nothing he could do but to command him to these colonies to rally to his support.

the 24th. The new building was to be built up  
of stone and could be built down  
in case of fire. The building down  
was to be made by masons  
and the top by carpenters.  
The treasury ad-

betraying the membership in every possible way and then at the opportune time, or when enough members have been deceived by the poison bomb squad, Lewis will appear as the Simon Pure Champion of Right, the relentless Nemesis of all evil-doers, and the one, and the only one, who will protect the membership against the vicious assaults of their district officials and when that time arrives the Illinois Miners will have many reasons to regret their folly.

Lewis, himself, is peddling a grotesque lie about some gross transgression that occurred in connection with the defense of the men who were indicted for alleged participation in the trouble at the Lester Strip Mine, several years ago, and about what a terrible exposure he is going to make in that connection.

The story he is telling is but a vicious and preposterous lie that is easily susceptible of being disproved by records on file in the district office, but that makes no difference to Lewis.

#### Criticism Springs from Envy

When told to the uninformed the story is hard to believe involved and creates more or less suspicion in the minds of most of those who hear it. In the mind of those who do not know Lewis and his penchant for telling lies and, of course, is his motto.

In truth, the story is the result of a jealous envy that has no place in the heart of a true comrade.

The success of the D.M.W.O. organization in defending these men, without his aid, is something under whatever consideration you may take of anything he has ever done for the Miners. This will, I can not believe, be a victory stand without some opposition.

Opposition, I say, never comes from the right side. When the complete account of the Lester Strip Mine is read in the Order's paper, there will be no opposition.

through a more nerve-racking ordeal than did the one who sponsored their defense.

I truly believe Lewis would rather some of these men had been imprisoned for life or hanged, rather than have victory as the outcome, and there are some who think that the reason he is now circulating his vicious and preposterous lies, is because of the hope that he may yet be able to bring that about.

Chief of the poison bomb squad is one Heffery, erstwhile vice president of the Illinois Miners' Union under this author, until he decided to run for president.

When overwhelmingly defeated in the election, true to form, he charged fraud, but never in the courts of the Union where he could be made to answer his charge.

Following this, Lewis tied a feed-bag on his nose by appointing him as an International Organizer, for no reason other than because he was opposed to this author.

#### No Part In Wage Cut

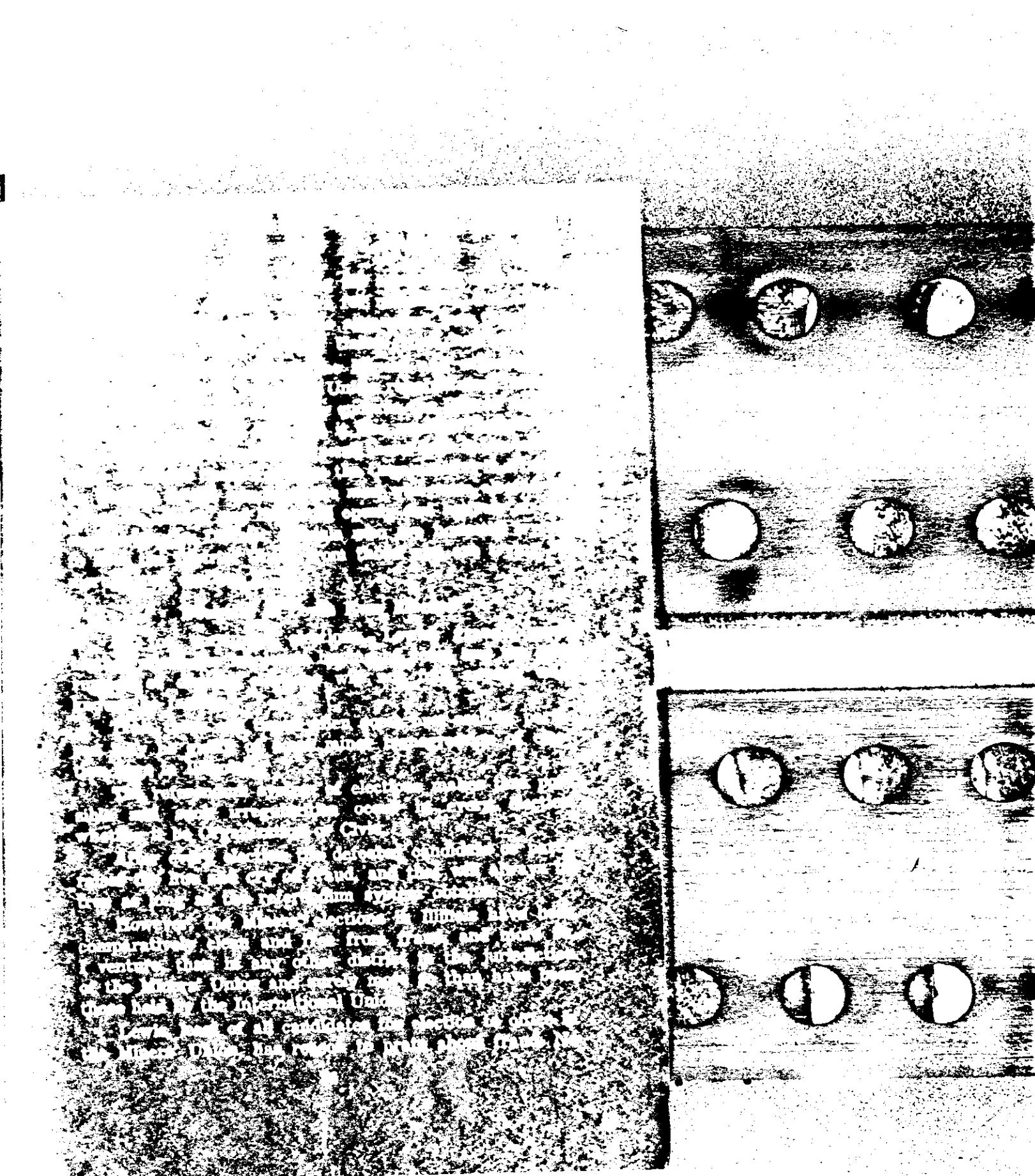
While acting as vice president and under the decent influence of his official associates, Heffery showed signs of developing into a man, but I truly said that "You can't make a snake out of a bear," nor can you make a dog out of a skunk. So it was not long until he fell back into his old natural trouble-making ways. He made an ideal organizer.

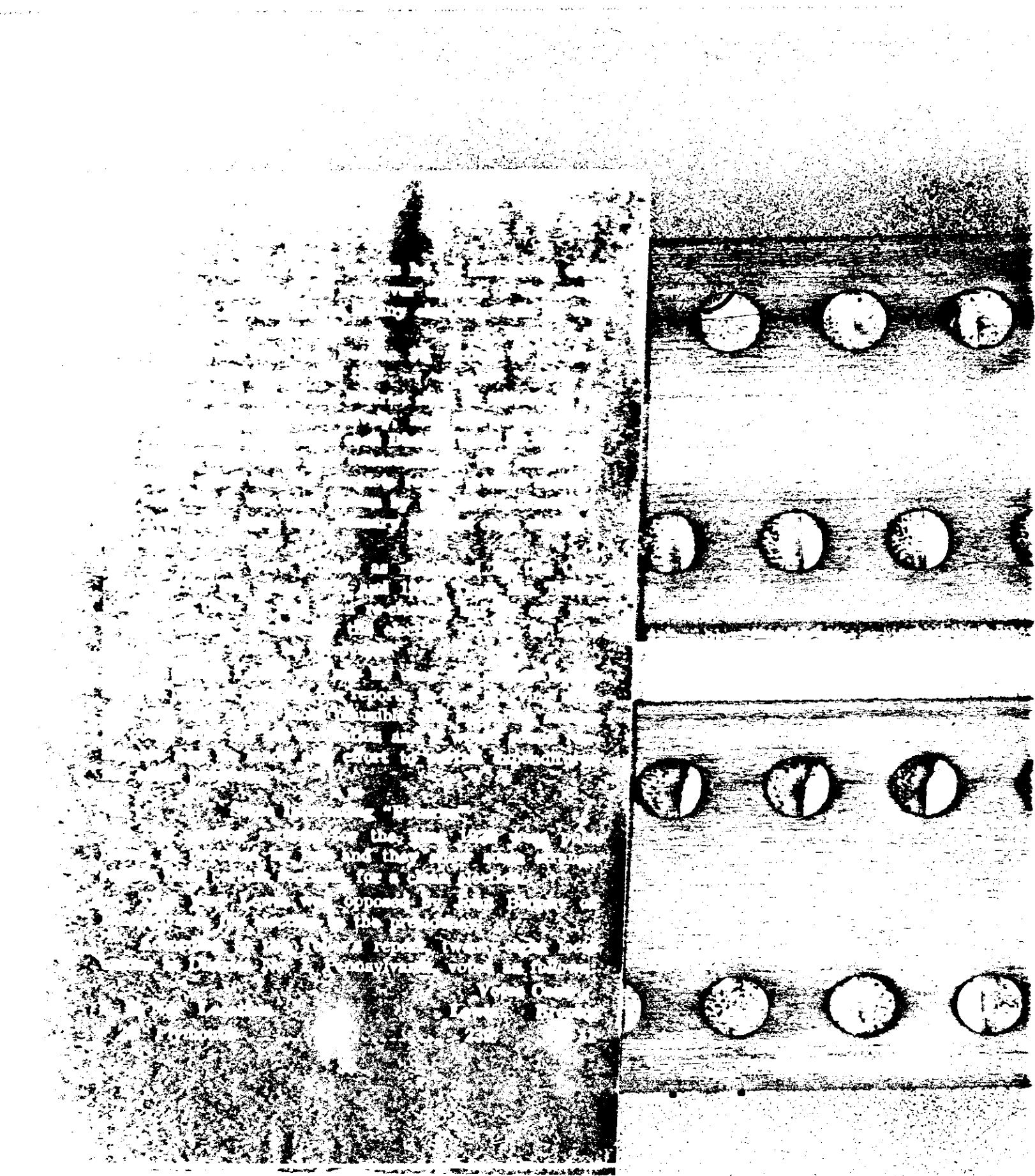
If you do not believe me, here is a snake臭 (smell) him to let you smell his breath. You will be easily convinced, unless you were a gasping drowning dog.

As to the 1903 wage cut, I am sure that the miners—the first and main body of the miners—had nothing to do with it.

There is not a word of truth in the statement that

I know of, and the miners did not agree to the agreement that they proposed to members of the Miners' Se. Assn. for making a cut, and if there was any such agreement, it was not with the miners.





36	Simpson	242	2
61	Forrest City	287	7
131	Old Forge	225	-
213	Scranton	685	13
266	Dupont	1134	3
311	Plymouth	256	2
409	Wanaheim	890	-
490	Shickshinny	376	-
623	Wilkesbarre	362	-
727	Wilkesbarre	451	37
835	Nanticoke	270	1
844	Carbondale	650	43
876	Plymouth	200	7
877	Carbondale	36	2
879	Dinmore	391	1
989	Nanticoke	839	1
991	Taylor	750	6
997	Glen Lyon	425	-
998	Wilkesbarre	398	-
1000	Jessup	400	1
1020	Jermyn	675	32
1036	Mineola	514	21
1132	East Plymouth	935	4
1581	Extra Corp Pittston	1045	6
1649	Scranton	480	2
1682	Archibald	720	3
2439	Peely	1153	9

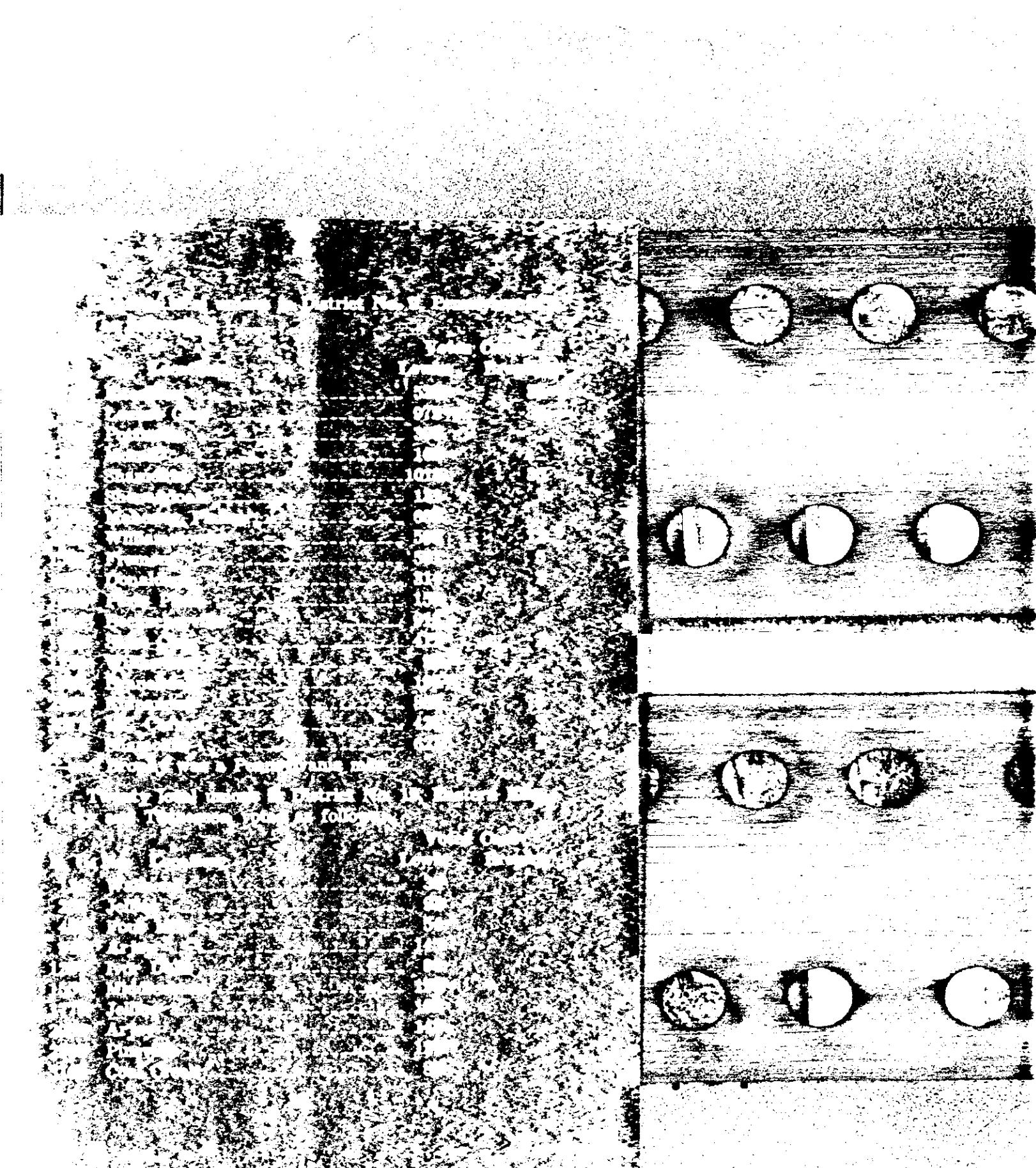
Twenty-five unions in District No. 5, Pennsylvania,  
voted as follows:

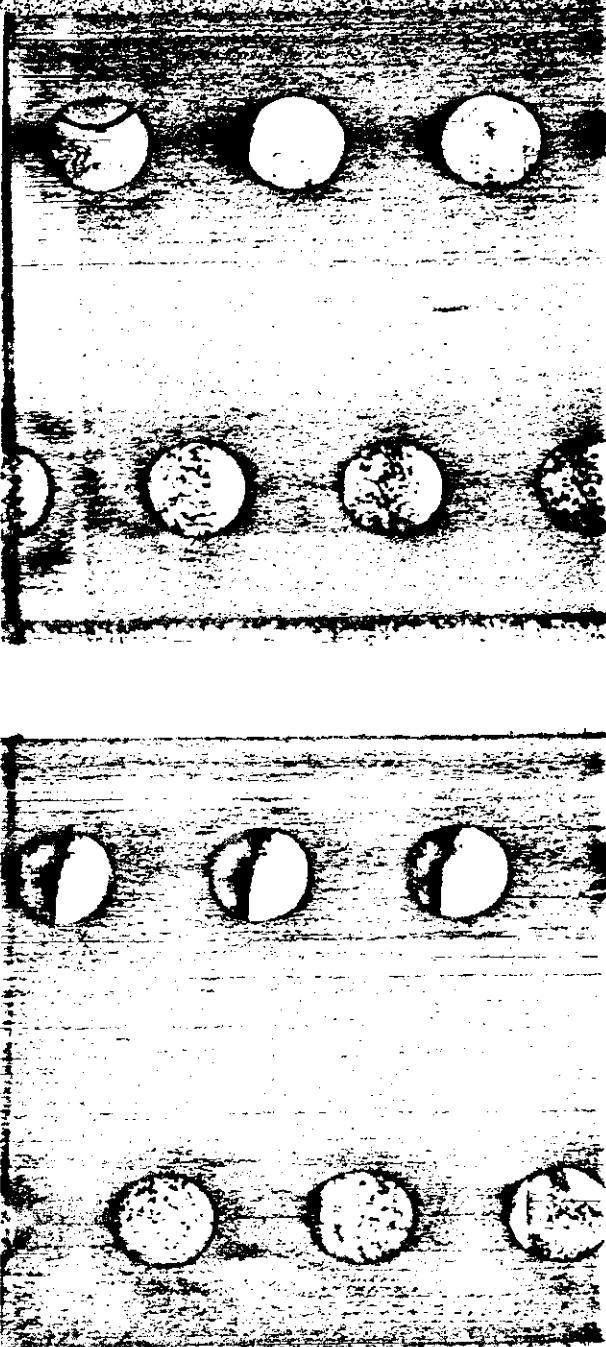
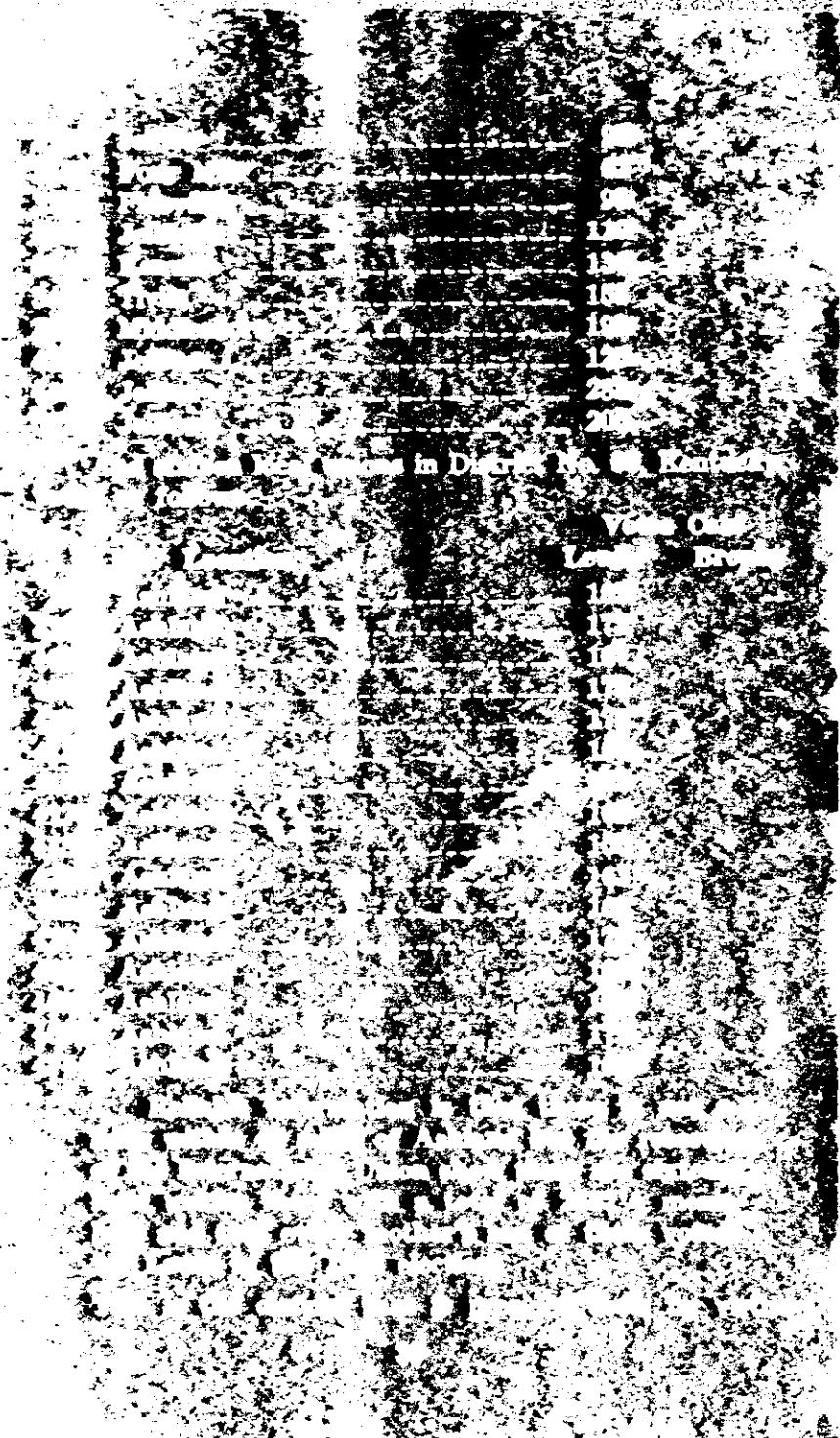
A. B. No.	Location	Yea	Nay	Abst.
73	Library	200	100	100
82	Clyde	100	100	100
72	Wilkesbarre	100	100	100
76	Wilkesbarre	200	100	100
77	Wilkesbarre	100	100	100
84	Sol	510	100	100

873	Broughton	199	6
1108	Ellsworth	104	1
1109	Lawrence	58	-
1722	Carroll	40	-
2025	Jacobs Creek	149	3
2108	Preston	290	3
2144	Elizabeth	130	1
2147	Morgan	234	5
2149	Bellevue	150	3
2363	Castle Shannon	458	19
2583	Cuddy	643	-
3606	Russellton	491	8
3715	Indiana	376	5
5683	Imperial	60	1

Twenty local unions in District No. 7, Pennsylvania  
voted as follows:

L. U. No.	Location	Votes Cast	
		Lewis	Brophy
200	Freeland	70	-
808	Hazleton	275	-
1208	West Hazleton	119	2
142	Hazleton	305	-
1504	Early	401	2
1516	Edgar	543	41
1518	Freeland	631	14
1526	Upper Ligonier	247	-
1541	Sherman	210	-
1543	Gold	521	3
1571	Franklin	1029	-
1572	Lansford	708	-
1604	Freeland	161	-
1711	Lanes	36	-
1739	Ligonier	405	-
1902	Bellevue	510	-
2411	Edgar	345	-
2412	Elk G.	125	-
2407	Co.	101	-





of appointment by Lewis, by the world-renowned, military genius and champion vote-getter of the world, Colonel Samuel Pascoe of Illinois, who in return for favors extended and to make the feed-bag secure, turns in a rousing vote for Lewis each election year.

#### The Colonel's Arduous Duties

The Colonel's duties are arduous, indeed, as must be the duties of one who is obliged to vote for 2687½ dead men every two years. One of less rugged constitution than him, would surely succumb to the rigors of his many duties, but being of a self-sacrificing disposition the Colonel has consented, due to the instructions of his superior, to leave his multiplicity of duties long enough to tell the Illinois Miners how badly they are cheated in their district elections, and he is now so engaged. But the Ashland miners may rest assured that he will return to his regular post in ample time to cast their votes in the next International election, should they be needed to overcome the vote of some presumptuous person who has the temerity to aspire to his superior's position, as president of the Miners' Union.

Just a glance at the vote, as shown above and as taken from the records of the International Union should suffice to convince the Illinois Miners who it is that guilty of corrupting elections, as well as trying to make it so utterly impossible for them to decide a vote for the presidency of their Union.

#### Voting in the District.

These votes were recorded in International Union and sent into International Headquarters by mail. There are hundreds of abandoned Col. Unions which can be used in future elections.

These Col. Unions were composed as follows: Col. Unions of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska, Hawaii, and the District of Columbia.

office who would be the beneficiary of such palpable fraud and then babble about clean elections, is a cheat and a mountebank of the worst kind.

Any man worthy of the presidency of the Miners' Union or any man of probity or that is worthy of the miners' confidence would spurn an election accomplished by such means, and any union that condones such things is bound to perish of its own corruption.

The time is present for the Illinois Miners to act in defense of their Union.

It is the only protection they have against niggardly wages and degraded working conditions and Lewis' unscrupulous agents are creating dissension and division in their ranks and placing their Union in jeopardy. Its solidarity is endangered and its power for good is being weakened by their vicious activities.

This is not a condition to be lightly regarded by the Illinois Miners, as it means that they, their homes and their dependents are threatened with disaster.

#### Act Before Too Late.

In the interest of their homes and their dependents they should act before it is too late. We have been overtaken with the same railroads and been overtaken the miners in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania and South and the Southwest where the Union has dwelt and perished under the unscrupulous leadership.

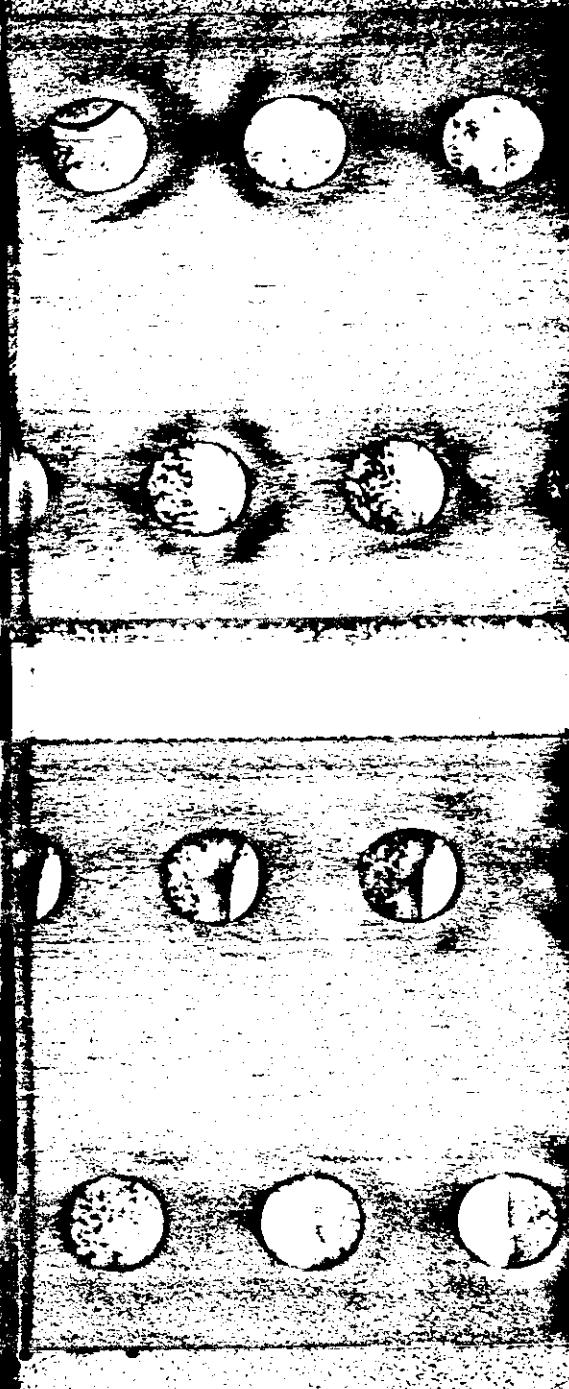
This is no time to be swayed by the words of every loyalest member of the Union. It is no time to be swayed by the words of those who claim Law and Six months of Loyalty. You should remember that the above mentioned men do not speak for the miners.

Do not be deceived as to the true nature of the existing miners' support. You will find that the men who lead you in the Union are not the same as the others. They are also a (2) disintegrator.

Help to hold up their hands; aid them in their work; drive out the trouble-makers; hold your Union intact; do not allow anyone to use it for a political football, nor to satisfy selfish purposes!

Remember that in your Union is your only hope for a better home and a happier life for you, and those who are dear to you, and that without it, or if it is weakened by dissension and division, you and they will surely sink to the depth of poverty and despair.

Your duty is a solemn one, neglect it and you perish with the rest who just yesterday was as strong as you are today.



## Autocratic Power Over Miners' Union

**T**HE incumbent President of the United Mine Workers of America has arrogated the power of an autocrat.

No feudal lord ever ruled his vassals with less consideration for their welfare than Lewis has ruled the Miners' Union and that once peerless institution is now writhing in the throes of death because of his despotic rule.

No institution of freemen could survive the havoc of his tyrannical conduct. Every semblance of constitutional rule is arrogantly brushed aside if needs be to enable him to reach his objective. It is his practice to ruthlessly sweep aside all those who oppose his way.

One of his most popular weapons is to stifle down consideration of government decrees by the miners or their delegates. To do this he has created a new Government in the U.M.W.A. which is able to propose and frustrate every miners' bill. In 1930, 1931 and 1932 every elected miners' delegate to the U.M.W.A. convention was compelled to sign a blank document authorizing the U.M.W.A. to appoint no functionaries without his consent.

It is this kind of autocracy that has given rise to great fear to the public at large. It is this kind of control that the church is bound to oppose. It is this kind of control that will the day when their hearts are open to the C.I.C. All they have to do is keep them open.

some trumped up charge of his own fabrication, as he has done, and appoint "provisional officers" in their places and set up a "provisional government" in their respective districts if they oppose his will, men cannot be free to express their honest opinions on matters of Union policy if their opinions be opposed to his.

There could be no more harmful, evil condition than this: Through the exercise of this arrogant, autocratic power, instead of being free agents with opinions of their own and the courage to express what to them is the best policy for the Union to adopt to protect the interests of membership, the Executive Officers are made to be a lot of cringing, fearful figureheads, who, with servile alacrity, defer to Lewis' opinions because of the dread that he will remove them from office if they oppose him and, consequent to this condition, they are deprived of the benefit of the sound, wise opinions of all the executive officers and are compelled to accept the decisions of the Executive Committee.

To contend that the mind of the Executive Committee

is not to be swayed by the opinions of the Executive Officers, is to ignore the fact that the Executive Officers are the members of the Executive Committee.

It is evident that the Executive Committee is not to be swayed by the opinions of the Executive Officers, but it is also evident that the Executive Officers are not to be swayed by the opinions of the Executive Committee.

Preston, in his letter to the Executive Committee, says, "I am not in the district to advise you in your condition, some

and degrade the working conditions of the Kansas miners. To this day the Kansas miners have not recovered from the effect of Lewis' action.

His next exploit of this kind was in Sub-District No. 9 of District No. 12.

In this venture the Gods of Fortune seem to have played into his hands in that since a "provisional government" was arrogantly established in that Sub-District, it is alleged, that it has been discovered that three of the many deposed officers are guilty of misappropriating union moneys but this was not the basis for Lewis' first action against them.

I have no word to say in this case. . . . One can condone such betrayal of confidence if these men are guilty as alleged. They should be made to pay the full penalty for their misconduct, but that is a matter aside from the principle involved and the miners should not allow themselves to be deceived by the blaring trumpets that is sure to occur over the discovery of the alleged misconduct of these three Sub-District officers.

Others in the I. M. U. involved in this wrongdoing were equally aided by Lewis' high handedness.

The International Union has paid out \$1,000,000 million of dollars to strike miners and it is the International's experience and knowledge that it has enabled us to uncover such conduct.

Crimes against miners and their families and children are not to be condoned. . . . If he would do this to miners, he would do the same to your wife and children. . . .

To the miners of the I. M. U. only one thing stands between million dollar wages and hunger and want. Is also

and must answer for while the three Sub-District  
officers answer for their transgression.

Therefore, it is to be hoped that the miners  
will think things over for themselves and then  
they will not be duped by the fraude about how  
Lewis hunts down the crooks and perhaps by  
some of their deception, place their confidence  
where it does not belong.

The miners should not be deceived or tricked by the  
false and false smoothings of the paid agents of Lewis  
or by Lewis himself, but they should search for the  
truth and then think and think long and soberly, and  
then set in a way that will protect their union and the  
their homes and those whom they cherish, and then they  
should place their confidence with those whom their jobs  
and demands tells them are doing the very best they can in  
protecting their interest; and the miners should co-operate  
on all good services and bodies whom they believe are  
devoted to the end that their Union may be solidified  
and strengthened to meet the trouble makers and those  
who seek to divide us with internal dissension and have  
us beaten.

The United Miners' Union in every case  
should be up to date. Their miners depend  
upon them to see that the United Miners' Union  
is strong and that the miners are protected  
in their right to work and to continue working  
without fear of reprisals.

It is illegal without any constitutional authority to  
call in Sub-District No. 8 in the manner he did.  
What his motives is not we know, but this much  
we do know, that he should be held responsible  
for what he did.

Section No. 2, Article No. 3, of the Constitution of  
the International Union, United Mine Workers of Amer-

ica reads as follows:

"All districts and sub-districts shall be

must be chartered by and shall be under the jurisdiction of and subject to the laws of the International Union and rulings of the International Executive Board. Charters can be revoked only by the International President, whose action shall be subject to approval by the International Executive Board.

To say the above quoted section of the International Constitution vests in the International President the power to revoke district or sub-district charters and create self-constituted "provisional governments" in self-supporting districts or subdistricts and thereby automatically remove from their official positions men who have been duly elected by the rank and file in the respective divisions and to then appoint men of his personal choice to function in their stead is to read into the law language that is not there and is to disregard and to deny other sections of the same constitution and which provide for the reverse of what is attempted.

The other sections of the International Constitution do not contain any such implied distortion. See No. 1. It would be well warned for the event of such a proposal to be made by distortion of the international constitution that the right of self-government was not intended by the framers of the constitution to be forced on the principles of democracy. The right to those who claim rests the right of self-government.

It would be sound reasoning not to differ in the between newly and properly organized, in that district or sub-district without the means to properly function and for organized self-supporting and properly functioning districts or sub-districts in trying to arrive at a just determination of this controversy.

Though substantial reasons may be advanced in support of such dictatorial action where a district or a sub-district will be the unit of organization of small

membership and still dependent on the financial support of the International Union, no valid reason can be adduced in support of such action where these branches are perfectly organized, self-supporting and independent of outside aid from any source.

To take such action in the latter instance is to arrogate power not granted and that in fact is denied and is a high-handed and unconstitutional attempt to gain, by circumvention and illegal practice some desired end that cannot be attained by adherence to other specific and regulative provisions of the International Constitution.

Admitting that the aforesaid Section No. 2, Article No. 3, does vest in the International President the right to revoke district and sub-district charters, certainly said section does not either by written word or by implication, empower him to go beyond the act of revocation and also tear down properly constituted governments, unceremoniously remove duly elected officers and set up self-created "international governments" and appoint self-selected officers to preside over them.

There is no reason why the International President should have such wide autocratic power and the enacting International Convention never intended that he should have such power.

In fact the International Convention which is the law-making body of the International Union clearly defined the authority and power of the International President as to his right to remove or suspend from office and as to his right to appoint in Sections No. 8, 9, 10 and 10 of Article No. 9, International Constitution.

Said sections read as follows:

Section 8. "He may suspend or remove any International Officer or appointed employee for insubordination or just and sufficient cause."

Section 9. "He may appoint a member

whose duty shall be to collect and compile statistics on the production, distribution and consumption of coal and coke, freight rates, market conditions and any other matter that may be of benefit to the Organization. Said statistician shall make a report to the regular convention."

Section No. 6 "He may appoint such organizers, field and office workers as may be necessary to conduct the affairs of the International Union."

Section No. 7 "He shall appoint from among properly elected delegates the committees necessary to transact the work of International Conventions, and to act as the Resolutions, Constitution and Grievance Committees to meet at headquarters sufficiently early to enable them to be prepared to render at least a partial report on the first day the Convention convenes, and if a convention is to conduct charter regularly, and against the pleasure of the Grievance Committee shall be elected by the Convention."

Section No. 8 "He shall appoint, subject to the approval of the International Executive Board, one or more competent persons as Auditors, and appointed to be agreed upon by the District and Sub-District Union. Such Traveling Auditors shall examine the accounts of all local unions at least once every year and assist in establishing a uniform system of bookkeeping in the local unions. Should such audits develop any irregularities, those responsible for the same shall be penalized as herein after provided. The Traveling Auditors so appointed shall submit a correct report of their findings to the International, District and Sub-District Unions and shall have furnished a copy of the same