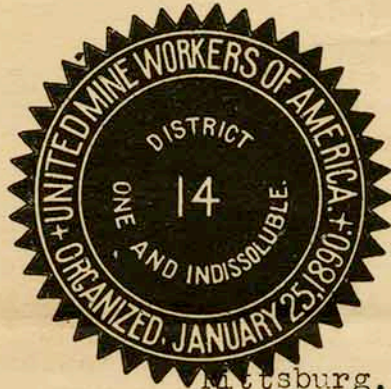


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United Mine Workers of America



Pittsburg, Kansas
June 24, 1925.

To the Officers and Members,
All Local Unions, District No. 14,
United Mine Workers of America.

Dear Sirs and Brothers: -

Feeling that the membership should be advised regarding the work and activities of the District Organization, we are transmitting to you the following information.

In the later part of May, the District President was requested to meet President Dalrymple of District 21, and President Helm of District 25, in Kansas City, for a conference on the matter of the Open-Shop drive being waged by operators throughout the Southwest, especially concerning the mines of the Rock Island Coal Company, the Peuterbaugh Coal Company, and the Crowe Coal Company, in District 21. President Dalrymple made a special request that considering the fact that the Kansas had weathered the storm much better than either of the other two districts, that he felt that the officials from District 14 could be of great benefit to him in a series of meetings throughout their district, and of course it would necessarily follow that if the non-union drive in his district was not stopped, it would be only a short time until it effected the entire Southwest.

It has always been a custom for the three Southwest district officials to aid each other in every possible way, and in line with former policies, and President Dalrymple's request, the District President and Secretary left Pittsburg last Wednesday night, arriving in Fort Smith, Arkansas at Ten o'clock the next day. Held a meeting in Greenwood, Arkansas, in the afternoon, and Hartford, Arkansas, that night. From there, went back to Fort Smith, and from Fort Smith to McAlester the next day. From there a meeting was held at Hartshorn in the afternoon, and Wilburton that night, then returned to McAlester and went to District 21's Headquarters at Muskogee, Saturday. Meeting was held at Schular Sunday afternoon, and at Henryetta at night, and returned to Pittsburg on train leaving Muskogee at Twelve-five Sunday night. Your District President and Secretary were advised that these meetings held were the largest and most enthusiastic that had been held in that district for some time.

We find that the Henryetta field, as being reported here, through operative sources, false as usual. The men in Henryetta field are standing pat. Of the three large Local Unions in Henryetta, we were advised that only six men had been lost. The mines there are doing very little more than marking time, with men shipped in and working under the protection of the State Militia. The wisdom of all militant action has proven to not await attack. For that reason, the best defense for District 14 is to do everything within their power to stop the drive throughout the Southwest. The expenses of your officials on these trips, will be paid by District 21.

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We also find that there are six or eight thousand idle members of our organization in District 21, some of them having been idle as long as three years. With a very low percentage of the members working, it has been impossible for that District to supply any relief at all for these members, and in view of this fact, we have nothing but the highest respect for the Unionism of these members who have stood and are standing so loyally.

With best wishes, we are

Fraternally yours,

M.L. Walters, President.
Dan O'Donnell, Vice-Pres.
Harry W. Burr, Sec'y-Treas.

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