Central Circular
United Mine Workers of America

Lacburg, Kansas
July 3, 1925

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

Brothers: -

This is to advise our membership that the Doubleday Mine at Cross, Kansas, was officially signed up on Monday, June 29th, with all the provisions and terms of the Jacksonville Agreement.

In connection with the above matter, we wish to call attention to a recent communication mailed from this office, wherein the question of an increase in the levy was referred to. It is the opinion of your District Officials, that since the signing up of the Doubleday Coal Company, and of recent developments that suggest further progress in the signing up of other coal companies in the near future, that no action should be taken at this time to increase the assessment.

In reviewing the events of the past few days, we feel sure that within a short time we will be able to present a solid front, and defeat the purpose of certain coal operators who are attempting to abrogate the Jacksonville Contract.

Yours fraternally,

District Executive Board.

M. L. Walters, President.
Dan O'Donnell, Vice-Pres.
Harry W. Barr, Sec'y-Treas.
To the Officers and Members,
District No. 14,
United Mine Workers of America.

Brothers:

We are in receipt of a circular letter mailed to our membership throughout the district, by Local Union No. 1169, Pittsburg, Kansas, condemning the district officials for their investigation made in District No. 21, in the interests of our joint relations with a sister district, and to determine a course of action to be pursued in conferring with certain coal companies operating under contract in our district, and who have abrogated their agreement in District No. 21.

In Paragraph One of that communication, it is charged that extra expense was incurred as a result of said investigation, and since this charge is positively without foundation, we are forced to conclude that the motives prompting the authors of that circular, are designed to retard, and, if possible, defeat the progress that is being made by your district officials, and the rank and file, who in the past two months have manifested such a great interest in the affairs of our Union, and who are at present making the greatest sacrifice that was ever made in the history of our district, in defense of the Jacksonville Contract, together with the view of once again placing our Organization on a One Hundred Per Cent basis.

The action taken by the above Local Union, would at least suggest that those instrumental in the circulation of such propaganda, are giving aid and comfort to the enemy, whose purpose is to establish the 1917 Wage Agreement in District No. 14. The District Board, however, have absolute confidence in the wisdom and integrity of our membership, and feel sure that you will not, at this tragic period, participate in any movement that will cause a backward step.

In conclusion, we desire to state for the information of all our membership who are really concerned in the welfare of our organization, that all expenses incurred by your officials during their investigation of the situation in Oklahoma and Arkansas, were paid by District No. 21.

Thanking you for your earnest co-operation, we are

Fraternally yours,

District Executive Board.

M. L. Walters, President.
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