Pittsburg, Kansas,
March 7, 1931.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL UNIONS IN DISTRICT NO. 14.

This is to officially notify you that the recent vote taken on the ratification of the contract negotiated on January 21 and for the approval of the action of the Officers and Conference Committee has been officially tabulated.

By the vote of the Local Unions who cast their vote, the action of the Conference Committee has been approved by an overwhelming majority vote of 2,128 for the contract and a vote of 187 against the ratification, therefore the contract recently negotiated in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 21, 1931, will go into effect on April 1, 1931, and continue for a four year period, expiring on March 31, 1935.

We are hopeful that this contract will bring back the lost market during this four year period in order that the miners may obtain more employment, which this field is very much in need of and the Officers assure the members that the rights of the miners will be protected under this contract and will be carried out in letter and in spirit for the best interest of all concerned.

Trusting that this contract will bring back peace and prosperity and the good will of all concerned, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

Henry Allaf
Provisional President

Joseph E. Hromek
Provisional Secretary-Treasurer
This is a reply to a letter I received from a man named Mr. Hanson, dated Feb. 16, written by a person named Smith. He did not deny any of the statements made in a article which was published in the mine workers' journal, but calls
up a report that he was not the union at the time. I was a man 20 years old at the time and was a member of the Liberal Coal Co. and had been a member of the local since 1910. We worked at the time at the mines and he would not give me a job. He refused to do any work. I was doing at the time being construction work as the days were getting warm.

The contract signed in 1923 is as follows:

As the advices of hundreds of men to do during the contract strike period that was

all false. All the stories of slimy careers is made up. He says I was discharged from this firm. I know that all was made up. He says that I was here at the company for my own accord for the same wages. He speaks of his lies being

statement he endorses with the Fleming and myself that we (Fleming & I) would take care of the court case for our rights. He would tell his before the National Convention. He was
