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Mr. Hearl Maxwell,
Sec. L.U. 2397,
Mulberry, Kansas

To the Officers and Members,
Local Union 2397.

Dear Sirs and Brothers: -

In regards to the case of Devoss (Check #134) wherein he is claiming Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for some dead and on account of having to widen out a room that was in nine feet thru a horseback when he took the place, beg to advise the evidence in this case showed that Devoss took this place without making any demand upon the mine foreman for pay for widening out on the inside of a horseback, and later when the men on that side of the mine were ordered to clean up, he demanded of Pete Giovana (The Mine Foreman) Ten Dollars. Pete offered to pay him Three (\$3.00) Dollars.

I took this case up on August 28th, with representatives of the Company, Thomas Cunningham, and Tom agreed with me to pay Devoss Eight (\$8.00) Dollars as a final settlement of the case.

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The case of Elmer Janey (Check #28) wherein he is demanding Five (\$5.00) Dollars for slip that came down sixteen inches in the coal, and that he had carried with him for a very short distance, beg to advise in this case, that mine foreman Pete Giovana offered to pay this man Two Dollars (\$2.50) and Fifty cents.

I took this case up with Cunningham on August 28th, and after some discussion, he agreed to pay Janey the Five Dollars which he is contending for.

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Beg to advise that the Mine Committee also took up the question of permitting a portion of the mine to clean up and the remainder of the mine to continue working, and also advised me that the Local Union had passed a motion protesting this action.

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Will state that Section 4 of the Interstate Agreement gives to the operator, the management of the mine and direction of the working force, and the united mine workers have agreed not to abridge these rights.

The operator in this field has always had the privilege of shutting down one or more places in their mine in the interest of economy, and the united mine workers, when they signed the Interstate Agreement embracing Section 4, fully intended and did agree to give the operator the privilege of shutting down any part of the mine that he saw fit.

However, in discussing this question with Superintendent Cunningham, he agrees to double as many entries as possible, and take care of the men who have been thrown idle with all possible speed.

The mine committee also took up the question of placing the men who have been thrown idle at 19, thru a shut down of a portion of the mine, on the list.

Beg to advise that the management of the list is a question that comes up under the head of the self-government of your own Local Union. The District Executive Board does not interfere with the management of the list of any Local Union unless there is a grievance arises out of the management of this list, thru a misapplication of the laws of our organization or the rules adopted by the Local Union. If a grievance in regard to the list arises in this manner, we will only be too glad to act for you in helping to straighten the matter out.

Hoping that this is a satisfactory settlement of the grievances that have been given to me by your Local Union, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

Wm. Brady

Board Member

WB:JF

STATE OF KANSAS
MINE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
PITTSBURG

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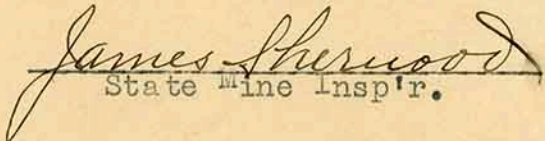
Mr. H. Maxwell,
Mulberry, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Yours of September 4th at hand relative to inspection of Sheridan No. 19. Would advise Mr. Glennon is out of the state and Mr. Morrison, rescue superintendent, has resigned, and I am instructed to leave here for Springfield the first part of next week. Mr. Young is taking Mr. Morrison's place until an appointment is made, but I will see Mr. Young and ask him to try to make an inspection of No. 19, and if possible I will try to get him out there Tuesday, and if not then I will have someone out there as soon as possible.

I am,

Yours very truly,


State Mine Insp'r.

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