

should they always have good leaders, the operators and laborers would have verye little difficulty in coming go out at most inopportune times on a de-

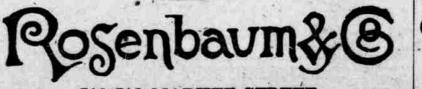
In the majority of cases the strikers have



companies were bankrupted, and here was where H. C. Frick got his big hold on the coke region, by picking them up as they

increase asked was granted and the Connellsville coke region made a big advance. Then the height of the miners' ambition of labor, but it can't go below that price. A bout the only trouble there is now between the two branches is as to organization. The operators are holding out against the lead-

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cause when they were discharged the labor leaders would compel the company to take them back. Notwithstanding all this, the operators are not auxious to break up the organization entirely, as it is much easier to treat with committees than individuals. The men when organized are easier to con-trol when at work than if they were unor-

ganized. The operators seem to think that "a good master should be lord of any man's purse." That may not be the literal quotation, but it fits this case perfectly. Everything is fur-nished for the men by the companies. Around every plant are to be found the 'company houses;" the "company store" is there and the men must buy the "company coal," and there is a price set on everything which the men must pay. In many cases the price is all right, but there are prices sometimes which are too high. The rule is that a man while at work can deal at the company store on credit, and it is taken out of his pay at the end of his half month. Two weeks' pay is always kept back, so

there as cheap as in any of the village stores through this section of the country. The best of groceries are kept, but the clothing is very cheap because the majority of the people like to buy cheap and those who