

GOOD EVIDENCE FOR THE OPPOSITION

Miners' Witnesses Led by Cross-Examinations Make Statements Favorable to Operators' Side.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL AGAIN ON THE STAND

Somewhat Animated Discussion Between the Miners' Leader and Attorney Torrey Over the Position of the Companies Regarding the Adjustment of Grievances—Miners Will Conclude Their Case Monday and Operators Will Start in Immediately Thereafter—One Attorney Will Make the Opening Statement for All the Respondents.

If the operators have anything better to offer to the mine strike commission than some of the testimony adduced yesterday by cross-examination of miners' witnesses they will make out a very strong case.

One of the injustices of which the miners complain, and about which they have produced no end of testimony, is that they do not receive any pay for coal lost off a car in its trip from the breast to the breaker.

Another witness who took the stand to make general complaint against the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, served as a means of very interesting testimony to the miners' claim that stockage runs up as high as twelve per cent.

Even President Mitchell was made to serve as a channel for interesting testimony extremely favorable to the operators. Mr. Mitchell had presented tables to show that bituminous "day wage" mine workers received fifty per cent more pay than those in coal employment in the anthracite regions.

Place Had to Be Filled. A dozen witnesses were put on to show that the companies are not living up to their submission agreement that they would not discriminate against union men in taking back old employees.

When you can bring yourself, you would want us to understand that Mr. Torrey, "to draw such a narrow interpretation of the provisions of those letters."

Mr. Torrey's Reply. "Then, I want to say," declared Mr. Torrey, slamming on the table the pamphlet from which he had read the report of the hearing.

Further exchanges disclosed the fact that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Torrey did not have the same comprehension of what was to be implied by the word "individual."

Mr. Torrey quoted President Truesdale's reply, in which it was stated explicitly that the company would deal with committees representing any or all their employees.

Will Conclude Monday. The miners will conclude their direct testimony Monday. The operators will immediately open their side of the case.

Men Took Initiative. General Wilson questioned Mr. Mitchell as to how the strike of 1902 had come about and particularly as to who initiated it.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Dec. 12.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania Rain or snow Saturday; fresh to brisk; northwesterly winds; Sunday probably fair.