

The Honorable Kathy A Serratt  
States P.E. Case No. 12-51502  
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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

I am writing to you in behalf  
my husband Charles W. Reeder,  
who is unable to write this himself.

I would like to share our personal  
story concerning his (30) year  
career with Peabody Coal Co.

My husband after (3) years at  
Southern Ill. University, and (6) years  
with Glen Corp. at Marion Ill.,  
decided to take a job at the Will  
Scarlett Mine in Stonefort, Ill.

I was very disappointed at his  
decision, but his argument was,  
they had the best retirement and  
medical anywhere plus it was  
guaranteed by the government, we  
thought! He worked at the  
Will Scarlett Mine from 1968 until  
it closed in 1987. After being out  
of work for almost (2) years he  
was called to the River King Mine

in Bellville, Ill. (125) miles away commuting every day. After about (3) months it closed. He was later called to the Marissa Mine in Marissa, Ill. about a (90) mile drive commuting everyday until it closed in November 1999.

He had to retire because his health had started to fail.

Most coal miners by the time they can retire have many health issues. My husband like his father, grandfather, father-in-law, brother-in-law and many other relatives wanted to be a coal miner.

In April of 2010 he suffered a stroke, and in October of 2010 had major open heart surgery and suffered many complications. His surgeon told me when his surgery was over that his lungs were very dark & dirty. (No we don't get black lung. He is now under the care of five doctors and is border line for dialysis.

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My husband and I have had many struggles and have worked so hard in our (52) year marriage.

We are honest, paid everything we owed lived within our means, saved for a rainy day and have never asked for a handout.

In 2011 I had to retire to care for my husband. We would still be working if we could. If we lose our pension and medical insurance it won't take long to bankrupt us and at (70) years old there is no starting over even if we could.

My husband never worked for Patriot Coal, he retired from Peabody Coal Co. When he received notice that Patriot bought Peabody he said "Well there goes my pension and medical they are up to no good!"

I know you have to go by the law when you make your decision, but my husband did not work for Patriot Coal he worked for Peabody and they

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should be responsible  
for the retired people  
that have given their  
youth and health to  
make them rich.

Thank you so much  
for reading some of our  
story.

Charles

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