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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

To the Honorable Kathy A Surratt - States
My name is Freddie W Coombes,
I was a miner and a U.M.W.A
member for over 37 years.

I served on the mine safety
committee and guidance committee
for over twenty years. I am financial
secretary for our local for about
thirty years.

I have helped my members of
Local 1092 of the U.M.W.A. with many
problems.

In all things I tried to be fair
and honest to my Union and my
employer.

There has always been things in
the contract that the Company, Peabody
Coal Co, would try to change after they
had signed the Bargaining Agreement.
We had to fight for years to get and
keep the things that were promised us.

I am fighting with my Union
brothers and sisters now to make
Peabody Coal to keep their promise
of my health care and my pension
& There are health cost and
medicines that I am looking at that
will be to great for me to pay.

Without Insurance.

These problems are problems with blood clots, because I have a clotting factor in my blood that has to be controlled with blood thinners. I have arthritis in my lower spine that I have to have treatment to keep down the pain. I go to a Pain management Center for shots and electrical shock that deaden the nerves that are pinched, which last from three to four months. My largest health problem is I have an Aorta Aneurysm in the abdominal area. My doctor says that they cannot do surgery until it reaches 5 CM, it is at 4.6 CM now. It has increased in size from 3.4 CM when they found it to the 4.6 CM in the last twenty months. It is a threat to my life.

I can have no surgeries on anything until this is corrected or it ruptures.

I feel that in my present condition I would have trouble getting my own insurance plan.

Now here is a couple things that really bother me about Peabody Coal, and other companies that probably

do the same thing.

First thing is that a Working miner turns sixty five years old he or she is required to sign up for Medicare, or lose their insurance even though they are still on the job. As a Retired Miner, when I reached my 65th birthday I had to sign up for it.

Now when I am signed up on Medicare my employer Peabody Coal Co whom I retired from gets but of 80% of their cost. When Medicare Part D come along we are required to sign up on that, Again Peabody Coal gets rid of that cost on medicine that Medicare Part D pays for.

Now to Jimis V, I do not agree with any bill or language that says a Company or Corporation can throw their obligations to their employees, into plans that are paid for by the Tax Payers of this great Country, just so they can increase their profit. I think there should be laws against big businesses so they can't use tax Payers Money to pay their bills.

One more thing if you haven't been informed of, is that a big majority of our miners and widows live on

Pensions of less than a thousand dollars a month, and we have members in my community that are drawing less than two hundred dollars a month.

So to let you know we have not fought a lot for better pensions until the past few years because our "Health Care" was more important to us because once you hit retirement age that's when everything starts to happen.

Respectfully Yours
Another Unappreciated Member
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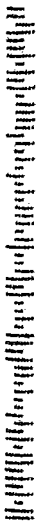
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