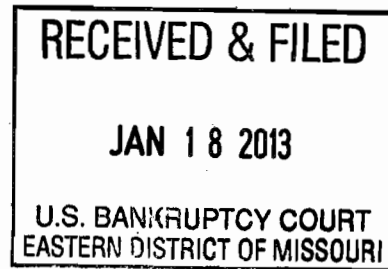


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My name is Robert Gene Kirchner, and I belong to UMWA Local # 1410.

I worked for Peabody Coal Company for 35 years. I raised 3 daughters with my wife's help. I worked MANY hours of overtime to keep the coal moving so Peabody could make a profit and I could earn a paycheck. I was dedicated to my job and was proud to be working for Peabody. I took pride in doing a good job at the Peabody mine.

I was a mechanic at the mine. I worked in cold weather, laid on the cold ground, and in the snow repairing equipment for Peabody Coal Company. I worked outside on the hottest days of the year. I worked hard for the company, so they could produce many tons of coal. I WORKED HARD SO I WOULD HAVE A PENSION AND INSURANCE WHEN I RETIRED!

At this time in my life, I depend on my pension and insurance to live. Medicare and Social Security are not enough to live on, and there is no guarantee that it will be available to me for the rest of my life.

I held up my end when I working at Peabody, and now it is time for Peabody to hold up theirs! They owe their dedicated former employees their pension and insurance!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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