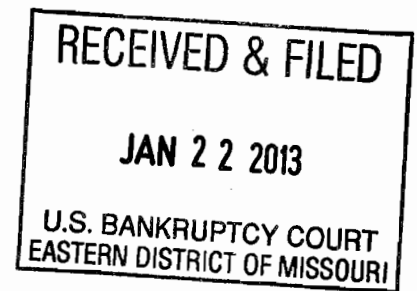


Patriot Coal
Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Re: Case NO. 12-51502



First off I am 67 years old and worked 37 years for Peabody Coal Company.

I worked there till they shut down in 1997 then worked 3 more years till 2000 on reclamation.

I lost 80% of my hearing working there and just a few months ago I had to have a Cochlear implant. Working on that heavy equipment repairing and welding and carrying heavy things up

dragline and shovel booms caused me to have 5 knee operations including 3 total knee replacements since 2000. I am on a lot of medications for authoritis, high blood pressure and

pain medications. I also have glacoma that I have to use drops for and maybe an operation to relieve pressure in my eyes. Without insurance and my pension or even without one or the

other I would end up having to sell may house and do without some of the medications because

of the extra expense. Also my wife takes medications too. I have never worked a day for Patriot, it has always been Peabody Coal I worked for. I always worked hard and done my jobs

to the best of my ability for all them years. And now I find out what Peabody Coal really thought of me for all that hard work. Peabody Coal put us into Patriot Coal for the soul

purpose of doing away with pensions and health care that they promised to us for life time.

We took less money at contract times to have life time health care and pensions. Please don't

let Peabody Coal get away with this injustice. Thank You for your time.

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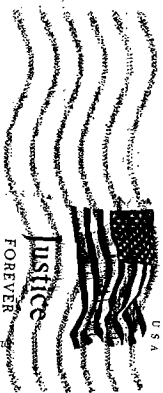
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