

To: The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-State

Re: Case No.12-51502 Patriot Coal Chapter 11

I was employed by Peabody Coal Company from June 1971- April 1989 at River King Underground Mine, Freeburg, IL.

River King Underground Mine closed in April 1989, and I was recalled on panel rights to Marissa Underground Mine, also owned by Peabody Coal Company, on June 1992. I continued to work for Peabody until the closing of the Marissa Mine in October 1999.

I have a total of 27 ½ years working in underground coal mines as a Peabody Coal Co. employee, and a member of the United Mine Workers of America. Our UMWA contracts with Peabody guaranteed that a person who accumulated a minimum of 20 years of service would receive retirement medical benefits, and a monthly retirement pension based on their years of service.

In 2007 Peabody Coal created Patriot Coal Co., and transferred all of the Medical/Pension and WC Liabilities to Patriot Coal Co.

I retired from Peabody in 2000, and I began receiving pension/Medical benefits a short time later. I also filed for Black lung in the year of 2000. My case, David Sullivan Vs Peabody Coal Co., proceeded to the Appellate Court and was settled in my favor in 2008. This benefit was also was moved to Patriot Coal Co.

I have never worked one day for Patriot Coal Company, but now my Medical, Pension and Black Lung Benefits are in jeopardy due to the unethical manipulations of Peabody Coal. One of the reasons people like me work in such a hazardous occupation like coal mining is because of the pension and medical benefits that are offered so that they will have financial security during their retirement. I fulfilled my obligations to Peabody by being a dependable, productive, trustworthy employee. I can only ask that if Peabody/Patriot do not intend to fulfill their obligations voluntarily, that the courts will require them to!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

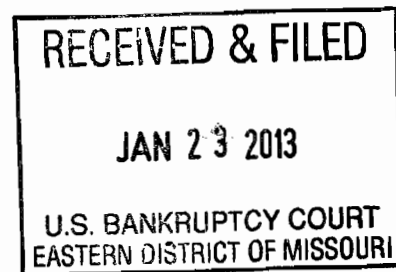
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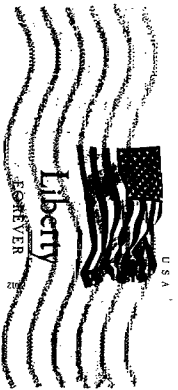
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