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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Your Honor.

My name is John Earl Hubbell in Jasonville, In.

I am 69 years old and worked for Peabody Coal Company for 37 years. I did not work one day for Petroit Coal.

This fall on sept. 3, 2013, I will be a 50 year of The United Mine Workers union, and have proudly paid my dues every month.

I started working for Peabody on Sept 3, 1963 at a repair shop welding and repairing draglines and shovels.

In 1969 I transferred to a Strip mine as a welder and still repaired draglines. While there I also drove coal trucks and ran Bulldozers.

In 1985 Peabody closed the mine and I went to Peabody's Hawthorn mine. While there I was also a welder-truck driver-bulldozer operator, and labor. I was the Safety Committee Chairman at both strip mines. It was a real fight for safety. Peabody wanted Production, They said safety first, "but" They wanted Production.

While working for Peabody I have 5 surgeries. One was for a ruptured disk which was taken out. Two were for ruptured navel from lifting too much. Two were because of Cancerous Tumors in my bladder. The Doctor said they were probably from Diesel fumes from the equipment I ran.

I am now on several meds. Two are for pain. one of them is oxycontin-20mg. I take two of them a day. The other is Hydroc-10mg. I take them between the oxy to help get by.

Peabody & medicare are now trying to take them away from me.

President Roberts said one time that Peabody and peabody might as well go to nursing homes and unplug the oxygen from the miners and widows. This is what they are trying to do.

Without my insurance, I'm done. I couldn't get a job anyplace if I tried. who wants a broken down 69 year old. Peabody and Peabody doesn't. We made them billions in profits and now they want it all.

We had a promise of insurance from birth to grave. now they want us in our graves sooner than later.

If they get by with this, thousands of miners and widows will be done, on welfare or worse. If they get to the point they need a nursing home, they can't go. No insurance or pension. Peabody and Peabody want to take both from us.

If they get by with this, who's next?
maybe the auto workers? The longshoremen?

Every place that has a union is watching what happens to us because it could happen to them.

I must say that this is a very serious issue for thousands of miners & widows. We have no place to look for work because of our age. "I will not work for Wal Mart."

Social Security is all that is left. One man at our last local meeting said that he might as well just shoot himself and get it over with. This is how some people feel about this.

I hope you talk to God about this. He is a very big part in all our lives.

"Thank you for listening to me"

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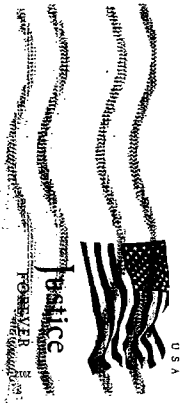
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