

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
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St Louis, Mo. 63102

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Dear Judge Surratt

My name is Rodger Grace, I was 18 years old when I went to the Army. I served my country for three years. I returned home and went to work for Peabody Coal Co. at St. I worked for 45 years.

We the coal miners always agreed to work for less wages than our other union brothers such as iron workers, auto workers, & steel workers made. We worked for less because we were promised life time medical insurance. Our pensions are less than our brothers

and again we agreed because we accepted the promise of our medical insurance. Our jobs as coal miners were much more dangerous than theirs. When you go underground you never know if there will be a cave-in or explosion and you won't come out.

For several years before I retired I worked for Patriot Coal breathing coal dust, rock dust and diesel fumes. As a result I have COPD I am on oxygen, breathing treatments several inhalers. I also have cancer in my liver and pancreas, fortunately it is a very slow growing kind. Others working in the same mines got cancer, some died.

I worked 45 years for my pension and medical card for myself and family. I paid for them from my earnings and labor as well as with my health.

Peabody has taken from all of us, some even giving their lives. If I lost my pension and medical card my life would be unbearable for me and my family. My life would probably be shortened because I could not afford to go to the doctor.

My wife and I have lived frugally so our daughter would not to take out student loans to go to college. Our oldest girl is a medical transcriptionist, our middle girl is an R.N. at St Louis Hospital, our youngest has one year left in school.

We should be able to enjoy the last years of our lives and know our spouse and families will be taken care of from the fruits of our labors.

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Your Honor, I am not asking for anything I haven't paid for. Peabody promised these things to all UMWA miners. I am asking you to not allow Peabody to cheat us out of what they promised and we earned.

I pray that God leads your heart to help all of us. It is in your hands, your Honor, please take care of the people Peabody made promises to and no longer wants to fulfill their promises.

Peabody makes billions of dollars and should be forced to take care of the people that did the work for them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We need your help. Please help us.

May God bless you and

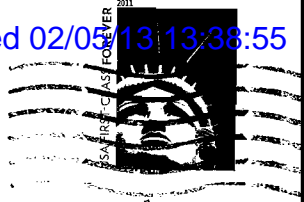
your family greatly. Again I  
ask please help us. Thank  
you so much.

I thank you,  
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