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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U. S Courthouse

111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

St. Louis, Missouri, 63102

Dear Judge Surratt-States

My name is RL Ogle and I am a retired coalminer. I worked for 30 years for Peabody Coal Company I gave this company my life and I worked hard. I was never late and the only day I missed work was when I was injured on the job went to the emergency room for stitches in my lip and then I was back the next day. The type of work I did was back breaking, for 30 years I went down in that dark hole in the early morning before the sun rose. I worked 12 to 14 hour shifts in dark. It was cold and dark. I worked with the group of men that laid the track down on the ground so the cars full of coal could be taken out of the mine. The track was heavy, we used pick axes and large crow bars and sledge hammers to bend the steel and hammer it in

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place. Day after day this went on for 30 years. We went down in the dark in the morning and worked like dogs, and came out in the dark in the evening, covered in coal with muscles hurting and our backs half broken. To keep our spirits up and to keep us going we would remind ourselves about what we were promised by Peabody Coal Company. We were promised that we would not have to worry that our family would not have to worry. We were promised a pension and health care. Peabody Coal Company was and still is a very lucrative company because of myself and my co-workers and our back breaking work. I am 68 years old now and I am a broken down old man and I don't know what will happen to me or my family if I lose my health insurance benefits or my pension.

Since I have retired I have had heart problems and I have had a heart attack and I have had several stents placed in my heart on both sides of it. I have had 2 episodes of this to happen to me so far and I pray that I won't have any more. I don't know what I would have done if I didn't have the health insurance that was promised to me from Peabody Coal Company. I am not able to go back to work now to provide health insurance for me and my wife. The medications I have to take now are very expensive. Please help me and the thousands of others that worked so hard. It is by the sweat of our brow and the breaking of our backs that this company made the profits that they did in the past and now. I am a man who lives a modest lifestyle. I live in a trailer in Florida in a mobile home park. Please help us Judge Surratt-States, to keep the insurance we were promised and the pension I was promised.

Sincerely,

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