

He LLo Your Honor,

I Am so nervous writing this, but I feel I need to in honor of my dear Late husband, Frank L. Brown, who was a proud coal miner I believe for 43 years. A job he loved and was proud to be a coal miner. We went thru strikes several times, went without some times, but knew the good times would out weigh the bad ones. My Dad, My brother and an uncle were all proud to be miners and members of U M W A - The coal miners are like a brother hood who really care for one another - when working underground as my Dad and uncle and my husband (for 13 years) - their very life depended on one another. I was proud to be the daughter of a coal miner and the wife of a coal miner. The Lord bless us with 4 children, 2 boy + 2 girls and they all four turned out great - Times were "Tuff" when the mines were on strike, but P T L, we made it ☺

I honestly don't understand what is going on now or why - These men who are trying to take what the miners have worked for. Surely, don't they realize that maybe they wouldn't be able to live the luxurious lives they live had it not been for the men who labored in the coal mine - My Dad and my husband both suffered from the results - The Lord was merciful to my Dad and he died in a car wreck - My husband had surgery, but he had empty seps like my Dad had and he just lived 3 months. He was thankful he'd been a coal miner and felt I would not have any worries since I would get his pension and had health care - Now they are trying to take that away from me.

I don't lay awake at night worrying about it - maybe I should, but we have been thru hard times during strikes and the Lord always saw us thru. I'm 83 1/2 years old was blessed with the love of my life for 61 years 9 months - I am thankful he isn't here to go thru this bad time - I know he would be at every meeting trying to help save what these people have given their best for

I pray if I haven't helped the "cause", that I haven't hurt it by my thoughts here. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this critical time

Sincerely,
Betty Brown

RECEIVED & FILED

FEB 21 2013

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

MRS BETTY J BROWN
118 N WASHINGTON ST
DU QUOIN, IL 62832-1767

Doc 2943

Filed 02/21/13

Entered 02/25/13 16:35:29

Main Document

Pg 2 of 2



The Hon Kathy A. Surratt-States
Case No. 12-51502
Hon. S. F. Engleton U.S. Courthouse
St. 4th floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

RECEIVED+FILED

2013 FEB 21 10:07 AM

CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
S. PERN DISA
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

