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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Your Honorable Judge

I am an active employee at Federal #2 coal mine for the past 36 years. I realize that you have a very difficult job ahead of you trying to find a just and fair decision in the bankruptcy case of Patriot Coal. Ever since I was a young boy I was taught to work hard, to do the very best that I could do, to be fair and honest and to treat other people with respect and dignity. I was taught that if I did this, then some day all of my hard work would pay off. After what Peabody and Arch coal has done to their retirees, (spinning off another company and dumping them into that company, only to have it fail so they would not have to live up to their obligations on pension and health care.) I no longer believe that my years of toil and labor will amount to much of anything. I have been a faithful and loyal employee and I can stand proudly on my work record. I was looking forward to working another 10 to 15 years then retiring and moving to a warmer climate, where I could enjoy the rest of my life. I have my doubts if this will ever happen.

I would like for someone to explain to me how a company (Eastern Associated Coal - Eastern gas and Fuel - Hanson industries - Peabody Coal - Patriot Coal - Arch Coal) - or who ever, that I had helped them, make hundreds of millions if not billions of dollars over a period of a life time could just dump thier retirees and break there promises of health care and pension benefits like they are now trying to do. If Peabody and Arch can get away with this, then what would stop every business in the United States from doing the same thing? In closing I would also like to ask how come the CEO's and upper management of Peabody and Arch are not being arrested, prosecuted, and tried for manipulating the value of Patriot stock? is this not fair to many people that lost alot of money in this stock scam? (Sounds alot Like ENRON).

- If Peabody and Arch can get away with this then may be we should take the mask and scales away from the statute of justics.

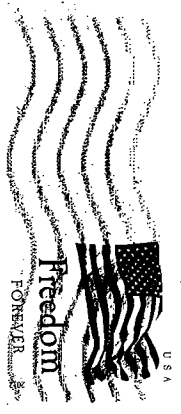
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