

## DUST CAUSED EXPLOSION

**Recent Disaster At Whipple In Which Many Perish Results From Overcharged Shot.**

Fayetteville, May 20.—An explosion of dust caused by an overcharged shot fired from the solid, was the cause of the terrible tragedy in the Whipple mine on May 1st, in which fifteen miners met death.

This was, in substance, the verdict of the coroner's jury which held a three-hour session in Squire J. P. Staton's office at Glen Jean to-day for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of the disaster.

Prosecuting attorney Pierson represented the state, and John W. Dillon represented the mine owners. The testimony brought out the fact that the mine was in perfect working order, and that it was equipped in every way as the law directs.

A small crowd was in the room to hear the testimony, and the verdict was what was generally expected.

The jury was out but a short time when it returned and gave the following as its verdict:

"We, the jury, find that John Thompson and others whose names are hereto attached, came to their death by an explosion in the Whipple mine on May 1, 1907, caused by an overcharged shot fired from the solid, causing a dust explosion.