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Verdict of Coroner's Inquest Over the Blanche Mine Disaster—Pit Boss and State Mine Inspector Censured—Grand Jury Investigation Threatened.

Special Dispatch to the Leader.

Steubenville, O., November 23.—The jury empanelled by Coroner Walkinshaw, of Brooke county, to inquire into the cause of the death of seven miners by the explosion at the Blanche mines on Tuesday have brought in a verdict, finding that they came to their death by a blow out, caused by an extra heavy charge of powder, which ignited the coal dust and smoke, which was excessively dry at the time of the explosion.

The pit boss is censured for his negligence in failing to keep the dust dampened, and they also censure State Mine Inspector Harr, who visited the mine on Thursday and, although he was requested by the miners' committee to order the mine dampened at intervals, he failed to do so. The miners threaten to have the attention of the Brooke county grand jury directed to some features of the accident. The colored miners blamed the accident on green Italian miners, but the inquest shows that it was a colored man who was responsible for the accident.