

## LITIGATION MAY COME

Orphans and Widows of the  
Princeton Mine Disaster

May Bring Suits Against the  
Maule Coal Company.

Allegation That the Mine Had No  
Fire Boss at the Time of  
Accident.

A representative of the Journal, in conversation yesterday with a gentleman prominently identified with the coal interests of this section learned it is the intention of several of the widows and orphans of the Princeton mine fatality to sue the Maule coal company for damages.

Said the gentleman: "I do not say this as a positive fact; yet from the rumors which have come to me I am satisfied that it will occur. Almost every mine accident of recent years has been followed by litigations and it is not unreasonable to suppose that there will be suits now."

"There are several grounds upon which suits can be constituted, one of which, and the one has been put forth by the papers, is that the air circulating fans were not properly running at the time of the explosion. It is also stated that the mine was without a fire boss, or that the officer had failed to make his inspections and reports. The fire boss, it is understood, is an officer provided by state law, whose duty it is to make the rounds of gassous mines, inspect and test chambers, passages, and entries for the presence of fire or dampness of any character, and warn the miners before they begin their work."