

FINDS OUTSIDERS DID NOT BLOW UP ZEIGLER MINE.

**Board Investigates Recent Disaster at
Leiter Property and Believes Explo-
sion Result of Natural Causes.**

Springfield, Ill., April 21.—[Special.]—No bodies of men not on the company pay rolls were found to have been in the Leiter mine at Zeigler prior to or at the time of the explosion, according to the report submitted today to Gov. Deneen by the state mining board, which was sent to the scene of the recent disaster to ascertain the particulars.

The story that outsiders had gained entrance to the shaft and brought about the explosion was circulated several days ago and was one of the principal matters under investigation by the state officials.

Although Gov. Deneen has decided not to make public the entire report submitted to him until he has secured the opinion of an expert who has been sent to make further investigation, this much is given out because of the seriousness of the story in circulation. The expert is expected to report his finding next Monday. The governor went to Chicago this afternoon and nothing more will be done in the matter before Monday.

Members of the board are reticent and refused to discuss the disaster at length. They intimated, however, that their investigation, which has extended over two weeks, will show that the explosion was not caused by outsiders, but was the result of natural causes.

Another report that gained circulation from Zeigler was that the rope on the cage was cut. This is also denied. Other rumors that have emanated from the scene of disaster and which have no direct bearing on the case will be disregarded, as they are stated to be without foundation.

Employes Leave Zeigler.

Duquoin, Ill., April 21.—[Special.]—Seven superintendents of the various departments in the Zeigler mine have resigned, one of whom is Gen. Supt. Hurd. They give as the cause of leaving the conditions and environments existing in Zeigler. Mine employes, foreign laborers, and their families, numbering in all about thirty-two, left the place today. A number of officials have made arrangements to desert Zeigler tomorrow.