

THE WORK OF FIENDS.

**Coroner's Jury Declares Zeigler Mine
Horrors Was Caused by Murder-
ous But Unknown Miscreants.**

Afterdamp, due to an explosion of blasting powder, set off by persons as yet unknown, caused the death of forty-three miners at Joseph Leiter's coal mine on Monday, April 3, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury as returned at Zeigler, Ohio, Wednesday.

Coroner J. M. Adams of Franklin county empaneled a jury to investigate the deaths of the miners killed by a double explosion at Leiter's Zeigler mine the next day after the explosion. After two days' inquiry, the following verdict was returned Wednesday.

"We, the undersigned jurors, empaneled to inquire into the cause of death of William Atkinson, John Graham, John Lindsay and others, hereby find that the said William Atkinson, John Graham and John Lindsay came to their death in Zeigler Coal company's mine at Zeigler, Franklin county, Illinois, on the 3d day of April, 1905, by being overcome by afterdamp caused by a powder explosion in said mine on the morning of April 3, 1905, and we believe that said explosion was caused by parties unknown. And we further find that Joseph Geisler, William Baxter, Everett Jones, Rolla Campbell, Robert Davis, Jerry O. Woods, Gustave Brumlik, Charles Robinson, Robert Hare, Harry Withrow and thirty others, whose names are to us unknown, came to their death in said mine on the 3d day of April, 1905, as a result of the aforesaid explosion and we further believe that said mine was in good and safe condition for working purposes as far as gas was concerned on April 3, 1905."