

## **December 16, 1907; Yolande No. 1 Mine, Yolande, Ala.; 57 Killed**

*(From State inspector's report, 1908, unpublished,)*

The slope was driven about 1,400 feet on \* \* \* the Big Seam \* \* \* which pitches about 15° to 18°. The mine has a return airway on each side of the slope, one used as a manway, and either could be used as an escapeway.

\* \* \* each entry had a separate ventilating \* \* \* split. \* \* \* in the explosion at 10:25 a.m. 57 men lost their lives; 30 escaped from the mine after the explosion. \* \* \* the fan was damaged very little, but owing to the brattices and overcasts being destroyed the air was short circuited and the men left alive in the mine died before they could be reached except one on the slope.

\* \* \* very few men among the rescuers were overcome by afterdamp.

\* \* \* sprinkling had not been done that day although waterlines and hose were installed. \* \* \* the fireboss had quit on the morning of the explosion, and it was doubted whether the mine was inspected. \* \* \* gas at the face of a place was ignited by an open lamp, dust causing the explosion to extend to the other workings.