

FLYNN WARNED THEM.

Short Creek Mine Had an Explosion Last October.

Birmingham, Ala.,---It is currently rumored here that the official report of Chief Mines Inspector Edward Flynn on the explosion in the Short Creek mine of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company, Tuesday,

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will border on the sensational. It said that after a previous explosion in the mines, last October, Inspector Flynn pointed out some defects and warned officials that if defects were not remedied another explosion might occur at any time. It is said that the warning was not heeded.

Mr. Flynn will not talk. His report goes direct to Gov. Comer who will make the report public if he sees fit. Mr. Flynn, who was assistant mine Inspector, was appointed Chief last Monday to succeed J. M. Gray, resigned. The Short Creek disaster was Mr. Flynn's first official investigation as chief.