

REPORT NEXT WEEK ON MINE DISASTER

Theory of Dust Explosion Re-
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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Nov. 20.—Chief State Mine Inspector C. H. Nesbitt today announced that he would make an official investigation into the explosion in the Acton No. 2 mines of the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company, Saturday and by Tuesday or Wednesday have the same in the Governor's office at Montgomery.

No intimation is given as to what the finding is likely to be. That there was a local gas explosion is believed in some circles. The mines were extremely wet so that the dust theory has received somewhat of a back set.

The bodies of the 24 victims of the explosion are now either buried or will be in the next twenty-four hours. More than half of the victims were buried within a short distance of the mines where the explosion occurred.

According to Chief State Mine Inspector Nesbitt, the explosion was least expected in the Acton field. The damage to the mines is so slight that as soon as brattices have been put up and those which were not knocked down inspected, resumption of operations can be allowed. The mines will probably start to work again Monday.

Burns Kittrell, one of the victims, was buried in Birmingham this afternoon. He was the boss driver in the mines. He was killed with a negro at work cleaning up the main slope into the mines.

Warnings have been sent to all mines in the State for the men and operators to exercise every care as to avoid any and all accidents. These warnings have been going out steadily for some time and now the assistant state mine inspectors are delivering verbal cautions