

ELEVENTH INSPECTION DISTRICT—1922

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SIR: I have the honor of submitting to you the annual report of this, the Eleventh Inspection District, comprising the coal producing counties of Gallatin, Saline, Wabash, and White.

The following is a summary of the items shown in the report:

Number of counties producing coal.....	4
Number of shipping mines.....	20
Number of local mines.....	19
Number of employees underground.....	5,686
Number of employees on surface.....	607
Total number of employees.....	6,293
Total tons of coal produced.....	4,158,307
Days of active operation, shipping mines, average.....	130
Days of active operation, local mines, average.....	139
Number of fatal accidents.....	24
Number of non-fatal accidents.....	346
Number of employees to each fatal accident.....	262
Number of employees to each non-fatal accident.....	18.2
Tons of coal produced to each fatal accident.....	173,263
Tons of coal produced to each non-fatal accident.....	1,218
Ratio of fatal accidents per 1,000 employees.....	3.8

The Harrisburg Collieries Company's Harco mine was not reported for 1921.

The following mines were reported in 1921, but have been idle during the past year and are abandoned or temporarily closed: Gallatin Coal & Coke Co., Turnes Coal Co., O'Gara Coal Company's Nos. 9 and 14, Big Creek Coals Incorporation mines 4, 5 and 6, and Harrisburg Fuel Co.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

July 18, 1921, Bert Sewell, electrician helper, age 21 years, married, was thrown off cage and fell to bottom of shaft and was instantly killed in Big Creek Coals Company's mine No. 2. He leaves a widow.

July 27, 1921, William P. Rawlins, driver, age 23 years, married, was caught between a loaded car and trap door and injured so badly that he died the next day, in Big Creek Coals Company's No. 3 mine. He leaves a widow.

August 20, 1921, J. A. Wilson, timberman, age 67 years, married, was killed by a fall of rock in Hickory Hill Coal Company's mine. He leaves a widow.

August 31, 1921, a gas explosion occurred in Harrisburg Colliery Company's Harco mine, in which twelve men lost their lives. The name, age, occupation, and conjugal relation of the men are as follows:

David Stewart, miner, age 42 years, married, leaves a widow and six children; Herbert Reeder, miner, age 28 years, married, leaves a widow and three children; Herschel Vaughn, miner, age 26 years, married, leaves a widow and two children; John Luther, miner, age 48 years, married, leaves a widow and one child; Hiram Brown, miner, age 27 years, married, leaves a widow and two children; Lyman Bulkley, miner, age 18 years, single; George Hunter, miner, age 32 years, married, leaves a widow and one child; George Warwick, miner, age 30 years, single; Ernie Goodrich, miner, age 34 years, widower, leaves three children; Mike Mosco, miner, age 38 years, married, leaves a widow and four children; and Charles Mosco, miner, age 36 years, single.