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NATIONAL STRIKE NEAR

COAL MINERS FAIL TO MAKE TERMS WITH OPERATORS.

More Than a Half-Million Men to Quit Work in Anthracite and Bituminous Regions on March 31, Unless Compromise is Effected.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 2.—During an interview this afternoon President John Mitchell discussed some of the phases of the strike situation.

"Never in the history of this country has a strike of such far reaching effect been threatened," said Mr. Mitchell. "It means a national suspension of mining if the strike comes on at the expiration of our mining contracts, March 31, and it includes the anthracite districts."

Anthracite Situation

"Will this action of the miners, including the anthracite districts, in order that no contracts shall be signed until all obtain agreements, have any effect on the meeting of the anthracite miners and operators on February 15?"

"I don't know at this time," he said. "Will you meet the anthracite operators at that time?"

"Yes," he replied, "that is the plan at this time and no changes have been made in the plans."

According to the figures given out by the national officers of the miners organization they expect this strike to bring out over 600,000 men, about 150,000 non-union miners in West Virginia and Pennsylvania with the 450,000 union miners. Of this number about 150,000 will be out of the anthracite districts, 85,000 in the Pennsylvania bituminous districts, 38,000 in Ohio, 17,000 in Indiana, 50,000 in Illinois, 16,000 in Iowa, 37,000 in West Virginia, 7,000 in Michigan and approximately sixty thousand in Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Indian Territory and Arkansas. The states enumerated will be the scene of the greater part of the battle.

Mr. Mitchell said that never in the history of this country was there an organization that could call out so many men in one strike, having such widespread effect.

"I have said," he declared, "that the responsibility of bringing on such a strike was a grave responsibility for any people. We have been slow to assume any such responsibility, and the responsibility rests, as any one can see, on the operators."

Entitled to an Increase

"The prosperous condition of the country warrants an increase for the miners. We accepted a decrease by our own votes two years ago, when at the time we were convinced that the conditions demanded it. We have ever been ready to stand right and we stand right now."

When questioned about the cost of the anthracite strike, he said that its cost had been estimated by the anthracite strike commission to be a loss of \$25,000,000 of wages to the miners, \$50,000,000 of profits to the operators, and \$26,000,000 loss in freight rates.

"There were other items of loss that raised the total figures much over \$100,000,000 for the strike. It lasted a little over twenty-six weeks."

President Mitchell estimated that four people are dependent on every miner. On this estimate a national strike as planned will effect 2,000,000 people dependent on the mining industry for their daily bread.

The dollar assessment would raise approximately \$2,500,000 national treasury funds by April 1. This organization now has in cash in its national district, sub-district and local treasuries \$2,679,134.42. The two funds on April 1, will probably place \$5,000,000 cash available for strike purposes.

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