

OFFER TO ARBITRATE

Mine Operators in Southwestern States Make Proposition to Miners.

PRESIDENT TO APPOINT A COMMISSION

Award is to Cover All Questions and to Be Binding Upon Both Parties.

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Full Scale Committee Begins Consideration of Operators' Proposals.

COUNTER PROPOSITION IS PROBABLE

Committee Finishes Draft of Reply, but its Contents Are Carefully Guarded—It Will Be Presented Today.

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The resolution deciding upon an appeal to the president which was adopted unanimously.

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