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Dear Sir

I spent two days in and around Westborne Tenn. where Campbell Coal Co is located. I submit you my report below.

Commissary.

This store is an up to date store and carry full line of all things and is kept very neat and nice but I find things are little high in this store. The miners in trading here when they have no money go to office of the company and draw money as they need it but they do not give them money but give brass checks in value from 25¢ to 1.00 only good in this store. This brass check system is used so miners tell me so they can't spend money any where but Companies store. no cash money advanced at all

Wages.

The wages paid by this Company is as good as any mine around their running from 30 to 50¢ per ton on cut coal. but the miners have to furnish their own powder, caps, and all things needed to get coal loose.

The houses used by miners are very cheap affairs made of lumber straight up and down affair and the cost to build one of these houses would not be 75.00 at very most. houses very close together. and sanitary conditions seem to have been forgotten all together. open closets out

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in yard and I only saw two houses with enough space for small garden. Pigs, Goats, cattle running at large. The cost of rent for 3 room shack (so miners express it.) is \$1.00 a month or 20¢ a room. these rooms are not plastered at all. and very cold in winter. No water works in lot at all. and water is drawn from wells dug around the lot. The children around this camp seem to all be in rags and half starved

Schools. They have two school buildings one for small children from 1st to 3rd grade very poor building on side of R.R. track. high school building as they call it is held in the church and very good building in fact but building in camp outside of homes of mine boss. Supt. and office men. The charge for schooling as follows 50¢ per month for each married man if he has children or not. 25¢ per month for each single man. this is not per family but per man. They have about 410 men on pay roll. and you can figure 50% Married and the two teachers I was told receive 75.00 month. Books are not furnished by the company.

The Doctor at this camp is kept busy as the miners say lot of sickness up there. the miners have to pay

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extra for each visit the Doctor makes. I met a young fellow who was hurt and he was out 21 days with bad arm and the last day I was there the Doctor discovered his shoulder was dislocated. now this took 21 days to find this out. and when he did find it out he had to call another Dr from another camp to help put it in place. now this man was out 21 days before the Dr discovered this and the miner kept telling him he thought it was out of place

The fines assessed are usually for drinking I was talking to young fellow who said he was working out a fine of \$5.75 for taking a drink of whiskey he said he was tried before a judge up there and for the least thing they are fined and as he expressed it he makes good money but the "Neducks" get it all.

The houses occupied by office men. Supt etc are so nice little homes as you will find any where. they are rather boarded. plastered, papered and painted

This Company pays off each month and I am not sure. but I know a bill was introduced four years ago to compel all firms to pay off twice a month some say this bill passed. this I am not able to say but will find out and if so. this Company is violating the law

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*This Company is not running full time in fact none of the mines are.*

*I hope this report will give you idea of what you want and if any other information wanted I will try to get some for you.*

*Yours Truly*  
*Denk*