



Barton Sept 29th 1879

J. C. Powell, Mayor.

Dear Sir & bro will you please bring this appeal before your S. A. S. & do what you can for us elsewhere.

We the undersigned

District No 25

Existing in Alleghany Co. West

Do hereby appeal to you for assistance. We made a request here for an advance of 10 cents per ton on the price of digging coal. with our Employers treated with contempt. Consequently on the 1st day of September 1879. we struck. At that time some of our men were not very well prepared for the struggle. owing to truck stores & low wages. Some of our agents claim they dont care so much about the 10 cents as they do about the organization. wish they says they will break up. I can assure you they will never do that here. Trusting our brothers in Granton N. A. will do all for us they can. & should it become necessary at any time to return the favour. we ask of you. I am confident in telling you it will be a pleasure to us to do so. We will now leave the matter rest with you hoping to hear from you soon

We remain yours

respectfully E. B. Jones D. R. S.
James W. Bishop D. A. M. W.