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In 1920, in giving evidence before a Parliamentary Commission that dealt with this subject, I expressed very strongly the view that they barked up the wrong tree and that they passed legislation which, in itself, was not reasonable and that they expected medical men to possess occult or supernatural powers in making a diagnosis of something which didn't exist.

Then, in 1925, an act was passed in which the ante-primary stage was defined, the earliest detectable specific signs - physical signs, of silicosis, and thereafter, the whole of the compensation question became bedevilled by this word 'specific', because the interpretation was made that specific meant radiological, radiological and nothing else.

Well, this went on for some considerable time until it became clear, as was said a while ago by several speakers, that the radiological signs do not necessarily or, for that matters, frequently even, bear any relation to disability, and so it came about last year, that the Miners Union memorialized the Government and said that unless a radical change is made in the function of the Government Bureau of Medical Examiners, they would boycott the Bureau. The effect of that would have been a general strike, of course, because it is a crime to employ any person in a