

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF MINES CO-OPERATIVE CLINIC

PICHER, OKLAHOMA

ay 23, 1930.

Dr. A. J. Lanza,
Assistant Medical Director,
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.
1 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Lanza:

I certainly appreciate your letter expressing sympathy for me in the bad weather. We are having plenty of it. Some of the mines are not yet in operation since the flood and we are getting a considerable addition to it every few days.

The labor disturbance is apparently subsiding and maybe as you suggest the rain and wind has had a very depressing effect upon it, but I am inclined to believe that it was due to the fact that the strawberry season opened up, permitting an outlet for this belchevick type of individual. I only wish that wherever they have gone they will stay, for I have spent some uneasy weeks during the past few months. I admit the fishing has been bad and will probably remain so for some weeks to come.

I am writing Dr. Jagers to secure me a copy of the report on "The Effects of Asbestos Dust on the Lungs," by Dr. E. H. A. Merewether, the Medical Inspector of Factories, England, and I hope he will get this promptly as I am very much interested in this subject. In this connection Mr. Kempler, of the Eagle Picher Lead Company has been in their New Jersey plant for the past several weeks trying to introduce safety measures and he came back markedly impressed with the medical inspection here and I gathered from his remarks both to me and to the safety engineers at the meeting last Wednesday that it is his opinion and recommendation that if they would have the same medical efficiency in their inspections as we have here that they would cease to have much of the trouble that they are having. He laid emphasis at the safety meeting on the fact that their lack of supervision of manpower has permitted industrial diseases to creep into the compensation laws and the two things he particularly mentioned were the same poisoning and expectation of asbestos legislation. This is going to make it somewhat easier for us in putting over our next year's appropriation. However, R. Nesbitt is expecting you down during the

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last week in June, at which time he wishes you to visit every organization in the field with him and attempt to induce not only the ones that are now contributing to the clinic but the few remaining small companies to make some contribution. He feels that due to the shut-down and bad economical conditions that it is going to take every penny that we can raise to operate on next year, but he further feels that experience has demonstrated the absolute necessity for the work that we are doing and he wants you to lend your moral support in attempting to put over this work and make it a 100 per cent organization and I believe that this can be done. Probably some of the smaller companies not contributing their full quote of 25 cents per man might contribute sufficient to make it worth our while to go after them.

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Hoping to see you July. I am

Yours respectfully,

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