

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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The following quotation from a report by Mr. Andrew Fletcher, Vice-President of St. Joseph Lead Company, may be of interest to you:

"... I strongly urge that progressive companies currently obtain information as to dust, fumes, etc., under prevailing working conditions. It is even advisable to have this data prepared by a disinterested and recognized authority in the medical or engineering field of industrial health, because if the information is secured by the company's own employees, it is often disregarded by Compensation Committees or the Courts on the basis that it is prejudiced, just as is often the case when the data has been obtained by so-called 'experts' after cases have been filed, and when it is necessary to prove that the conditions then found were the same as those prevailing before or at the time of the alleged 'accident'. The Air Hygiene Foundation is in an excellent position to undertake the 'disinterested' examinations, and if harmful conditions are found, to advise what corrective steps should be taken."

Mr. Fletcher is one of the trustees of Air Hygiene Foundation and his company has had considerable experience in Missouri with the silicosis "racket".

I might add that there is something in what he says about the weight - or lack of weight - given to the testimony of technicians regularly in the employ of the company. A survey by the Foundation of some of our worst spots might well be worth considering.

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