PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
BRK-208

April 11, 1949

J. C. Nelson, Personnel Director
Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Enclosed are two letters written by Don Hanna to the Medical Department of the Industrial Commission of Ohio concerning claims filed against your company.

Please feel free to call on us at any time that we can be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. FISHER,
Superintendent

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April 11, 1949

The Medical Department
Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

In re: O B 493-22
John Eberfel

Gentlemen:

On April 5, 1949 a visit was made to the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, Youngstown, Ohio, to check conditions under which the above named claimant had worked.

The company produces steel products.

According to company records, claimant started to work for them on August 16, 1909 and worked until October 16, 1948. During his period of employment he worked as a bricklayer on open hearth furnaces and general brick work in the steel mill.

The company has 15 open hearths and there is some repair on these furnaces all of the time. On the date of visit, however, the company was not tearing down an open hearth.

We of the Division of Safety and Hygiene have found and recognize that bricklayers working on open hearths are exposed to various concentrations of dust. These may contain from 5% to 22% free silica by X-ray diffraction. The company does not question the exposure to dust containing free silica which claimant inhaled while working for them. The company contends that the extent of the silicosis is purely a medical problem and that the real question at issue is the extent of the disability as a result of the silicosis, as distinguished from other causes of disability.

At the present time, claimant is at his home and is not working.

Very truly yours,

DON HANNA
SAFETY ADVISOR

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