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New York, February 23rd, 1927.

A state meeting of the Committee was held at the Home Office this day at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present: Mr. Williams presiding, Mr. Kirby; Mr. Knapp and Mr. Ollesheimer designated; the President.

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The President explained that the United States Bureau of Mines had requested us to co-operate with it in the investigation and remedial measures of the prevalence of tuberculosis and

silicosis in the lead and zinc mines in Joplin, Mo. and further requested an agreement with the Bureau under which the Bureau will expend from $9,000. to $12,000. and asking us for an appropriation of $8,000. a year for three years.

The President stated that our death and sick claims had been very high showing a deficit, whereupon the Committee appropriated $8,000. a year for three years for the study of health and housing conditions of zinc miners in co-operation with the Bureau of Mines.

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On motion,

Adjourned.

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Clerk.