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Mr. Armstrong Chair
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Dear Sir:

At the meeting held December 31st, Room 352 at Union Station it was suggested that a letter be written by each committeeman to the Chairman of the Committee with any suggestions as deemed necessary for the purpose of drawing up a bulletin pertaining to Pulmotors [illegible]

I have given the matter careful study on the handling of asbestos from the time it is received by the boiler house until [illegible] source. Some is in block form which is [illegible] known as the sheet asbestos and some is packed in bags which is ground or known as [illegible] asbestos in the bag is considered the most dangerous of the three on account of the amount of dust [illegible] suggest that the employes handling this asbestos from the time it is received and applied to the boilers should wear respirators giving consideration of course to the employees working in the vicinity.

The block asbestos of course is not so dangerous but I feel that men handling same should be protected as well as when handling the bulk when the asbestos is removed from the boilers or during inspections either at men's lockers or back shops. I would recommend that it be wet down to the extent that it would eliminate any dust coming from same when being removed and as was suggested at the meeting to be removed from the boilers at a time when the least number of employes are on duty. While I fully realize this cannot be handled at all points alike, but this should be given some thought.

We find at points where it is necessary to use the block asbestos, which has been removed, this has to be ground by an asbestos grinding machine; from my observation this is the dangerous part of the handling of asbestos and in conclusion, I would recommend that all employes handling asbestos should wear respirators, equip such machines as are being used for grinding asbestos with an exhaust system.

I have tried to follow the handling of asbestos through from the time it is received until

it is applied and I hope [illegible]
will be beneficial in [illegible]
in taking up your bulletins.

Yours [illegible]

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