





### Seeking To Discredit Illinois

When a union cannot destroy a Union, the next best thing is to create discord and division and thus weaken its power (as good as this what you are trying to do).

In the interest of the preservation of the Illinois mine, the Illinois mine should demand that the Illinois mine should be permitted to operate where their service is desperately needed and should the demand for it be refused they should be shut down, just as the enemy would be.

The Illinois mine will pay dearly if they allow themselves to be deceived by their evil promoters.

These unscrupulous lawyers are working subtly and dishonestly to discredit the officers of the Illinois mine, and to win favor for themselves and their friends, and to disseminate information about the present wages and district elections and the administration of district elections past and present, and by their vicious activities they are doing everything possible to cause the mine to be closed again, the district elections.

In this article you will be told about these international opportunists, the motive behind their activities, and something about district elections. The story will not be about Illinois elections, but it will be predicated upon the records as all may see the evidence of corruption they choose to look.

Those who are disgraced over the terms of the Illinois Wage Agreement should turn to Ohio and there find out what has happened to the Ohio miners since their Union was created.

Recently one of the largest coal companies in Ohio posted notices saying that effective as of June 1st, 1932, the wages paid at the mines of that company would be as follows:

Illinois Mine Labor  
Motormen

54.00







working force and the right to hire and discharge are vested exclusively in the operator.

The above is the wage scale generally paid in Ohio, with the exception of a few small companies, employing a handful of men who were signed up on a \$5.00 per day basis with Lewis' full knowledge and approval.

In addition to the piggardly wages paid, the Ohio Mine Owners are now forcing applicants for employment to submit to physical examination and only the strong and alert employed.

#### A Warning of Change

For thirty years this company operated under Union conditions and paid exactly the same wages as were paid in Illinois, but Lewis' obstinate refusal to accept a decision forced the Ohio Mine Owners to operate non-union with the result shown.

Sincere and courageous leadership could have averted this and would have saved the Ohio Miners' Union and spared them their present degradation.

Lewis had ample warning of the danger. The year prior to the execution of the Jacksonville Agreement he was told by the mine officers that not a single mine owner in Ohio was paying Jacksonville rates and the mine owners were constantly suing for terms that would enable them to continue operating on a union basis.

But, no! Lewis would take no backward step, and he stubbornly and stupidly held them to an impossible position until they were bowled over backward, head over heels, by economic forces that no human agency could overcome, and now with the Union wrecked the Ohio miners are obliged to accept whatever wages the mine owners choose to pay.

For downright blundering, mad, unreasoning, stupid, destructive and disloyal leadership, Lewis' action is never equaled by any leader in the history of American labor.



now paying a terrible price for his reprehensible stupidity and destructive leadership and they will continue to do so for many long years after he has passed out of the picture.

The Illinois Miners will do well not to forget that it is not long since the Ohio miners were just as solidly and strongly organized as they now are, and they will also do well to guard themselves against the one who wrecked the Ohio Miners' Union as it is not impossible to do the same thing in Illinois.

Moreover, those who are displeased with the Illinois wage agreement should compare it with the wages paid in Western Kentucky, where the outside day wage scale is \$2.56 and the inside wage range is \$3.17 to \$3.49 per

When Lewis was first appointed to the Presidency of the Miners' Union, Western Kentucky had a District Union of 45,000 members, who were working under standard union wages, conditions and honest, competent leadership. They have meant a continuation of that condition.

#### A Trail of Wreckage and Misery

It is of record that the President of the Kentucky Miners beseeched Lewis to allow a policy that would have saved this district from destruction and he was publicly branded as a traitor by Lewis and his henchmen.

Lewis had his way and now the Kentucky Miners have a Union of 16 members and a wage scale that is a crime against decent standards.

Thus it has been throughout the entire jurisdiction of what was once the matchless Miners' Union, with the exception of Illinois, and Lewis is now working insidiously to make the inside of that District a wasteland.

No man's power or influence or force has brought so much harm to the miners and the labor movement of America as has Lewis.

He has left a trail of wreckage, havoc,



chance, misery and woe and poverty. Distress and despair is sure to follow and be the lot of millions of defenseless men, women and children.

Some may ask what is the motive behind this expose of the havoc caused by Lewis?

There is no motive other than a desire to warn the Illinois Miners to be on their guard against the man who caused the havoc and who is now trying to win their favor by false pretension and who, by the same means is trying to regain the lost confidence of the Illinois Miners by destroying their confidence in others who are earnestly working to protect their interest and save their Union from the deadly influence that has destroyed every other District in the soft coal fields of the country.

No matter how bad others may be, surely there is nothing in this mountebank's record that should convince him to any one but a Union Wrecking Agency, and if the Illinois Miners allow themselves to be duped by his character tricks, they certainly will pay grand opera prices for their folly.

True to their usual practice Lewis and his sycophantic henchmen will try to discount and discredit this recital of his devastating leadership by showing a lot of venom on the author, but that will be aside from the question and will be answered when they do; but the Illinois miners should not allow anyone to divert their attention nor to delude them by drawing a red herring over the trail.

The question is: did Lewis wreck the United Mine Workers of America?

The records and the deplorable plight of the mine workers of the country prove he did and his destruction of the Union will stand and live when it comes to the question of what the character of the man is, and the facts may be.

To leave the author to be a scoundrel, does not mean that the Illinois Miners should be on their guard against him.



## "Illinois Miners Be On Your Guard"

**M**Y ATTENTION is directed to the fact that certain organizers representing the International Union of the United Mine Workers of America are diligently working among the Illinois miners, and particularly those in Franklin County, in an endeavor to discredit the district officers and to win favor for John L. Lewis.

This union bomb squad is using my name in connection with their evil propaganda and in reacting to the circulation of some malicious lies in order to cause distrust and division.

They are telling evil, fantastic stories that have no basis in fact about my activities with regard to securing the revised wage agreement about coal-mining district elections and about the conduct of the district affairs, past and present.

Considering that they have connected my name with their destructive activities, I feel it is my right to speak and expose them and that it is my duty to do what I can to warn the Illinois miners to be on their guard.

They are not telling me that it is possible for them to harm the Illinois miners. I am a Chicago politician and am supposed to be a professional politician.

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Trade Union Movement than have all other causes combined.

That is the purpose of those who are now busy settling among the Illinois Miners and to make their work effective they are trying to cover up their own wrongdoing by charging others with transgressions.

That will be their mode of procedure. They will try to discredit and discredit my words of warning by trying to discredit me.

They will tell the refraction signed by me in 1910; but Lewis will not tell that. I had steadfastly refused to sign the refraction and that it was only upon the earnest solicitation of Mr. Lewis, and other supposed-to-be friends, that I finally agreed to do so.

Then too, they will try to bring forth for the attention of the Illinois Miners a letter written by me to the president of the Peabody Coal Company with reference to my conflict with that company.

I am sure that Lewis has not sent out photographic copies of it before now.

I shall relieve him of the necessity for doing so by now making known the substance of it.

I do not like the letter before me.

By some careless man it is now unknown to me, but I am sure it is still there. I am sure it is still there in the hands of the Peabody Coal Company, but I am sure it is still there in the hands of the Peabody Coal Company.

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Illinois Miners, and that I could do the Illinois Operators more good by continuing as president of the miners, than I could if I went to work for the Peabody Coal Company, and I told him I would rather be at home fighting for the miners than to be over there among the Frogs and Wops.

Lewis made much ado over this letter when it got into his hands and he placed an interpretation upon it that in his heart he knew was not intended, and made it appear that during the years I served as president of the Illinois Miners, I was acting as a stool-pigeon and spy for the Illinois operators.

In his craven heart he knew that when I said "I could do the operators more good by continuing as president of the Miners," that I meant that by continuing in that position I could do more toward bringing about a workable wage agreement that would enable the operators to sell their coal in competition with non-union coal, and thereby give the miners some work, than I could if I went to work for the Peabody Coal Company.

If while acting as president of the Illinois Miners, I was playing the part of a spy for the operators, Peabody would not have paid me \$25,000.00 per year for three years to get me out of that position. Instead, if that were the case, he would have paid me the amount stated to continue as president as long as my usefulness as a spy would end when I gave up the presidency.

Any simpleton ought to be able to see that.

There is another angle to this matter that requires some explanation from Lewis.

#### How Did Lewis Get Letter?

How did he get the letter?

Peabody would not and has not told me.

He told me Lewis rifled his office files and got it, but that is not the truth.

That story is too flimsy for even an idiot to believe.



How did Lewis get the letter?

Surely it does not rest on those who stop to think that there must have been an intimate relationship between Lewis and Peabody and a rather conspiracy between the two to get rid of me as president of the Illinois Miners' Union, or else Lewis could not have received the letter from Peabody.

Stop and figure it out for yourself.

How did Lewis get the letter if Peabody did not give it to him?

If I was a spy for Peabody, why did he conspire with Lewis to get me out as president of the Illinois Miners?

Who were the operators afraid of—Lewis or me?

My record as president of the Illinois Miners stands without a blemish.

The accomplishments of my administration and the institutions created during twelve years of my supervision still stand as a monument to my efforts.

#### Why Organizers in Illinois?

I did the work that was mine as faithfully and as well as I knew how, and I did it myself, and I fought my own fight as best I could, notwithstanding much opposition to the contrary, and the institutions created latterly and largely under my supervision, is the only one of many others to withstand the heavy blows of Lewis' leadership, and there are hints of the weakness or frailty of treachery in its construction. Had there been it would have fallen with the rest.

Illinois has no service for an International Organizer to perform. Other districts need their service badly. There are hundreds of thousands of disorganized miners elsewhere, but none in Illinois.

Why are organizers assigned to work in Illinois, while other districts are neglected?



Why are they telling the Illinois Miners that the  
new wage agreement was fixed up by Farrington and  
Parker and that Lewis was opposed to a wage reduc-  
tion?

Why are they saying district elections are corrupted?  
Why are they saying your district officials are  
crooked and that everything connected with the adminis-  
tration of district affairs is rotten?

Why are they saying Lewis is going to clean house  
for the Illinois Miners?

And why did Lewis recently issue a public statement  
saying that the wholesale buying of votes and the cor-  
ruption of district elections must be stopped?

Why is Lewis whispering around that there was  
something grossly wrong with the defense of the men  
who were indicted and arrested over the trouble at the  
Lester Strain Mine several years ago?

What's Your Champion of Right?

And why are his foot-flicking lackeys muttering and  
mumbling about that again?

The answer is obvious.

So recently Lewis was bitterly despised and right-  
fully scorned by fully 95 per cent of the Illinois Mine  
workers.

Something must be done to win their favor and re-  
store their confidence in him.

His work was one of destruction. There was noth-  
ing in his program that would commend him to them  
or give them cause to rally to his support.

What's the best thing to do?

Well, one must be pulled down so he could be built up.

The organizers start out to do the pulling down.  
They begin to discredit the district officials by mak-  
ing the members believe the officials are stealing elections,  
stealing district money, looting the district treasury and



betraying the membership in every possible way and then at the opportune time, or when enough members have been deceived by the poison bomb squad, Lewis will appear as the Simon Pure Champion of Right, the relentless Nemesis of all evil-doers, and the one, and the only one, who will protect the membership against the vicious assaults of their district officials and when that time arrives the Illinois Miners will have many reasons to regret their folly.

Lewis, himself, is peddling a grotesque lie about some gross transgression that occurred in connection with the defense of the men who were indicted for alleged participation in the trouble at the Lester Strip Mine, several years ago, and about what a terrible exposure he is going to make in that connection.

The story he is telling is but a vicious and preposterous lie that is easily susceptible of being disproved by records on file in the District office, but that makes no difference to Lewis.

#### Criticism Springs from Envy

When told to the uninformed the story is harmful to those involved and creates more or less confusion in the minds of most of those who hear it. In the minds of those who do not know Lewis and his penchant for telling lies and who, of course, is his motive.

In truth, the story is the result of a malicious and envious nature.

The success of the District Organization in defending these men, without his aid in any manner whatever, was an achievement so much so that anything he has ever done for the Mine, District, etc., can not bear to stand a victory stand without claiming it as his own.

Organized Labor never has a better victory than when the complete acquittal of the men was secured and the leadership of the District Organization was maintained.



through a more nerve-racking ordeal than did the one who sponsored their defense.

I truly believe Lewis would rather some of these men had been imprisoned for life or hanged, rather than have victory as the outcome, and there are some who think that the reason he is now circulating his vicious and preposterous lies, is because of the hope that he may yet be able to bring that about.

Chief of the poison bomb squad is one Hefferly, erstwhile vice president of the Illinois Miners' Union under this author, until he decided to run for president.

When overwhelmingly defeated in the election, true to form, he charged fraud, but never in the courts of the Union where he could be made to answer his charge.

Following this, Lewis tied a feed-bag on his nose by appointing him as an International Organizer, for no reason other than because he was opposed to this author.

#### No Part In Wage Fight

While acting as vice president and under the decent influence of his official associates Hefferly showed signs of developing into a man, but he truly said that "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," nor can you make a man out of a skunk. So it was not long until he fell back into his old natural trouble-making ways, and he made an ideal organizer.

If you do not believe this, is a skunk, ask him to let you smell his breath. You will be quickly convinced, unless you were a genuine skunk killer.

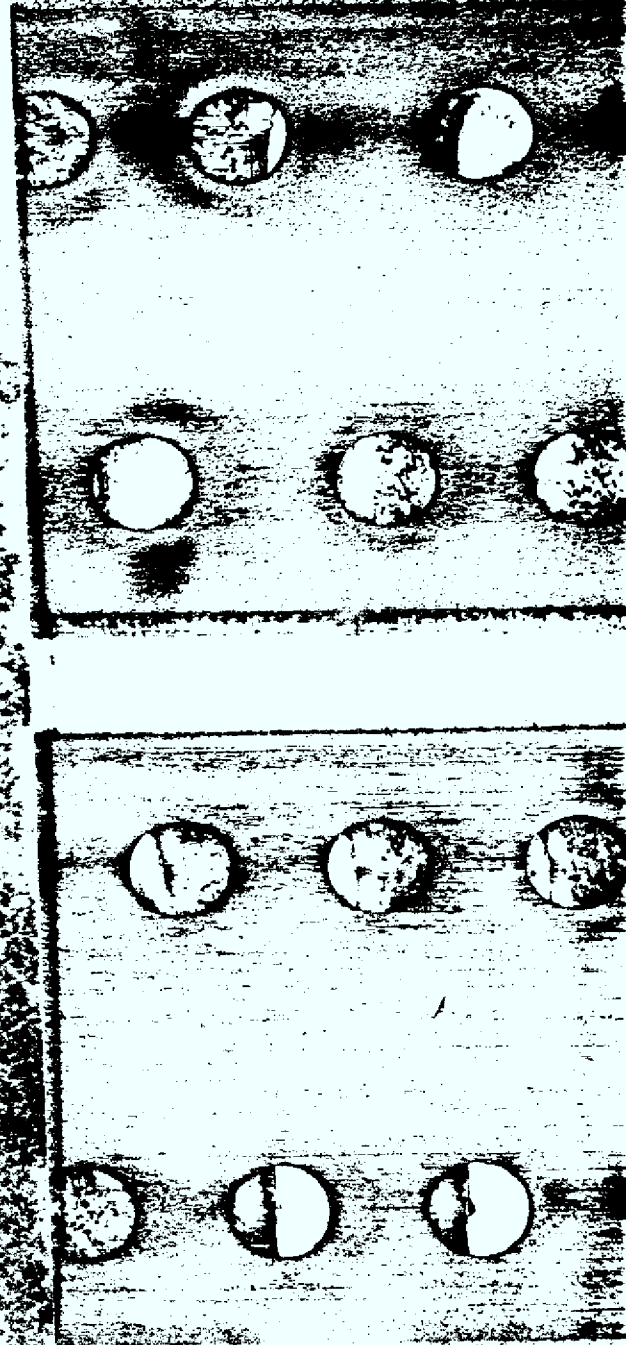
As for the charge of corruption, it is a fact that the part played in making the present wage fight, there is not a word of truth in it.

I know nothing whatever about the matter. They know me and they know that Lewis expressed the agreement that he pressed the members of the Miners' Union to make for making wages. And then there was nothing more to be said.



However, the Mining Section in Illinois has been comparatively quiet and free from fraud and graft. I venture there is any other district in the jurisdiction of the United States and rarely more so than have been those held by the International Union.

Leaving head of a candidate for election to direct the Mining Union, the report is that about 1914 N





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877	Carbondale	367	2
879	Dinmore	391	1
989	Nanticoke	832	1
991	Taylor	750	8
957	Glen Lyon	425	
996	Wilkesbarre	392	2
1005	Jessup	402	4
1025	Jermyn	872	39
1036	Mineola	514	21
1122	East Plymouth	939	15
1581	Extra Boro Pittston	1048	47
1649	Scranton	489	2
1682	Archibald	780	1
2436	Peely	1155	9

Twenty local unions in District No. 5, Pennsylvania, voted as follows:

A. H. No.	Location	Votes Cast	
		Lewis	Brook
73	Liberty	62	
62	Scranton	145	
72	Scranton	21	
797	Scranton	270	
821	Scranton	192	
844	Scranton	170	

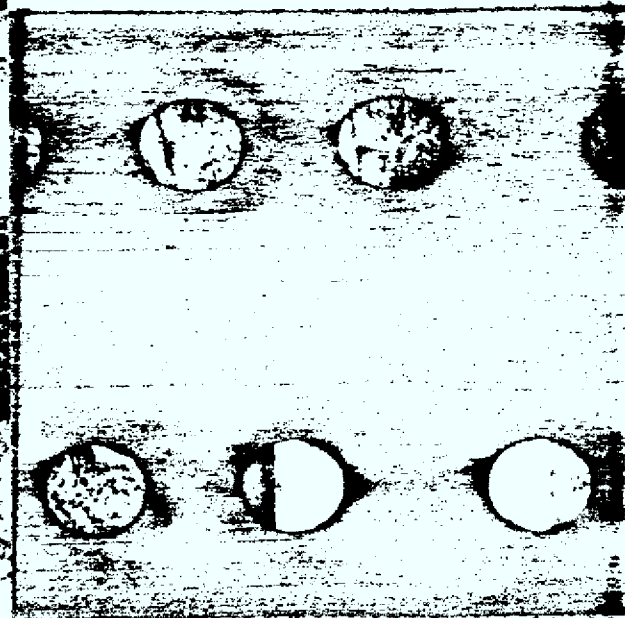


875	Broughton	100	6
1100	Ellsworth	107	1
1150	Lawrence	50	—
1722	Carrick	40	—
2025	Jacobs Creek	149	3
2108	Presto	290	3
2144	Elizabeth	130	1
2147	Morgan	234	5
2148	Bellevue	150	3
2303	Castle Shannon	458	19
2503	Cuddy	643	—
3006	Russellton	491	8
3715	Indianola	375	5
5083	Imperial	60	1

Twenty local unions in District No. 7, Pennsylvania  
voted as follows:

U. M. W. No.	Location	Leahy	Brophy
800	Freeland	70	—
800	Hazleton	275	—
1400	West Hazleton	119	2
1400	Hazleton	300	—
1507	Shary	401	2
1510	Jordan	503	41
1510	Freeland	631	14
1521	Upper Lehigh	247	—
1527	Shenandoah	210	—
1530	Coaldale	521	3
1571	Tamaqua	1020	—
1572	Lehigh	700	7
1600	Freeland	160	—
1710	Lansburg	300	—
1730	Lansburg	400	—
1900	Beaver Meadow	500	—
2077	Jordan	345	1
5000	York	397	—
2007	Freeland	120	—
4000	Coaldale	50	—











of appointment by Lewis, by the world-renowned, military genius and champion vote-getter of the world, Colonel Samuel Pascoe of Illinois, who in return for favors extended and to make the feed-bag secure, turns in a rousing vote for Lewis each election year.

#### The Colonel's Arduous Duties

The Colonel's duties are arduous, indeed, as must be the duties of one who is obliged to vote for 2687½ dead men every two years. One of less rugged constitution than his, would surely succumb to the rigors of his many duties, but being of a self-sacrificing disposition the Colonel has consented, due to the instructions of his superior, to leave his multiplicity of duties long enough to tell the Illinois Miners how badly they are cheated in their district elections, and he is now so engaged. But the Ashland miners may rest assured that he will return to his regular post in ample time to cast their votes in the next International election, should they be needed to overcome the vote of some presumptuous person who has the temerity to aspire to his superior's position, as president of the Miners' Union.

Just a glance at the vote, as shown above and as taken from the records of the International Union should suffice to convince the Illinois Miners who it is the guilty of corrupting elections, as well as serving to show how utterly impossible it is to defeat Lewis for the presidency of their Union.

#### Voting Abandoned Local

These votes were recorded by International Miners and sent into International Headquarters by mail, and there are hundreds of abandoned local unions that can be used in just this way.

It is hardly as pure as Chris and As, but as long as Lewis is not that kind of a miner, he will not let him with his hands on the mine. The records show that for Lewis and his supporters for



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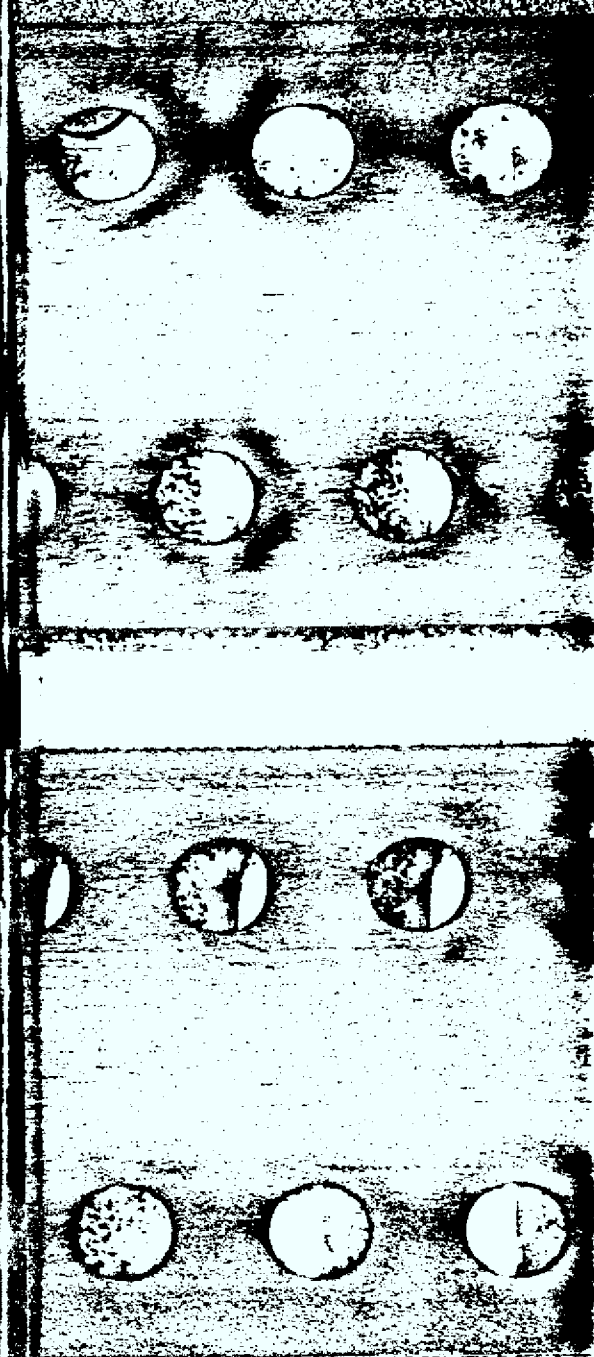
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Help to hold up their hands; aid them in their work; drive out the trouble-makers; hold your Union intact; do not allow anyone to use it for a political football, nor to satisfy selfish purposes!

Remember that in your Union is your only hope for a better home and a happier life for you, and those who are dear to you, and that without it, or if it is weakened by dissension and division, you and they will surely sink to the depth of poverty and despair.

Your duty is a solemn one, neglect it and you perish with the rest who just yesterday was as strong as you are today.





## Autocratic Power Over Miners' Union

**T**HE incumbent President of the United Mine Workers of America has arrogated the power of an autocrat.

No feudal lord ever ruled his vassals with less consideration for their welfare than Lewis has ruled the Miners' Union and that once peerless institution is now writhing in the throes of death because of his despotic rule.

No institution of freemen could survive the havoc of his tyrannical conduct. Every semblance of constitutional rule is arrogantly brushed aside if needs be to enable him to reach his objective. It is his practice to ruthlessly sweep aside all those who oppose his will.

One of his most potent weapons is to strike down constitutional government as created by the miners for their protection and to set up an "emergency" provisional government in its place.

In this manner he is able to ignore and frustrate every officer that speaks out against him. He and properly elected officers are able to ignore and frustrate every officer that speaks out against him. He and properly elected officers are able to ignore and frustrate every officer that speaks out against him. He and properly elected officers are able to ignore and frustrate every officer that speaks out against him.

It is inevitable that the miners would rest great hope on the United Mine Workers of America. The union is bound to be autocratic in its administration.

With the knowledge of their heads and hearts, the miners are bound to be autocratic in their administration.



some trumped up charge of his own fabrication, as he has done, and appoint "provisional officers" in their places and set up a "provisional government" in their respective districts if they oppose his will, men cannot be free to express their honest opinions on matters of Union policy if their opinions be opposed to his.

There could be no more harmful, evil condition than this: Through the exercise of this arrogant autocratic power, instead of being free agents with opinions of their own and the courage to express what to them is the best policy for the Union to adopt to protect the interests of the membership, the Executive Officers are made to be a lot of cringing, fearful figureheads, who with servile alacrity, defer to Lewis' opinions because of the dread that he will remove them from office if they oppose him and in consequence to this condition, the Union is deprived of the benefit of the wisdom and opinions of all the executive officers and is forced to accept the decisions of one man, whose policies have wrecked the Union.

Kansas took a Provisional Government  
To contend that the mine workers in an independent union should be made to follow the policies of one man is a condition that is not only a violation of the principles of democracy but is also a condition that is a direct threat to the future of the Union.

Lewis' first move in the establishment of a Provisional Government was to remove the Executive Officers from office and to appoint his own men to fill their places. This was done in a very arbitrary manner and without any regard for the rights of the membership.

The result of this action was a complete breakdown of the Union and a condition of anarchy and chaos in the districts. The condition was so bad that some of the miners were forced to leave the work.



and degrade the working conditions of the Kansas miners. To this day the Kansas miners have not recovered from the effect of Lewis' action.

His next exploit of this kind was in Sub-District No. 9 of District No. 12.

In this venture the Gods of Fortune seem to have played into his hands in that since a "provisional government" was arrogantly established in that Sub-District, it is alleged that it has been discovered that three of the many deposed officers are guilty of misappropriating union moneys but this was not the basis for Lewis' first action against them.

I have no word to say in the defense of anyone who can condone such betrayal of confidence. If these men are guilty as alleged they should be made to pay the full penalty for their misconduct, but that is a matter aside from the principle involved and the miners should not allow themselves to be deceived by the blaring of trumpets that is sure to occur after the discovery of the alleged misconduct of these former Sub-District officers.

Others who were so involved in the wrongdoing were equally exposed by Lewis' high handed action.

The International Union has paid out many millions of dollars for strike relief and it means that it was Lewis' experience in knowing how to handle money that enabled him to uncover the misappropriations.

#### Credit to Lewis' Credit

Real money should go to the workers and children. It is not the money that would do the work of the union. It is the money that would do the work of the union.

How can we expect the workers to have a voice in the management of the union if they have no money? The only way they have against such abuse is to have a voice in the management of the union. The stands between millions of workers and their money and what they need is also a stand between millions of workers and their money.



what Lewis must answer for while the three Sub-District  
committees answer for their transgression.

Therefore, it is to be hoped that the miners  
will think things over for themselves and that  
they will not be duped by the fanfare about how  
Lewis hunts down the crooks and perhaps his  
cause of their deception, place their confidence  
where it does not belong.

The miners should not be deceived or tricked by the  
drives and false mouthings of the paid agents of Lewis  
nor by Lewis himself, but they should search for the  
truth and then think and think long and soberly, and  
then set at a way that will protect their union and their  
homes and those whom they cherish, and then they  
should place their confidence with those whom their sober  
judgment tells them are doing the very best they can to  
protect their interest: and the miners should co-operate  
openly and actively with those whom they believe are  
doing this to the end that their Union may be solidified  
and made strong against the trouble makers and those  
who seek to divide it with internal dissension and harm  
the strike.

The Illinois Miners' Union is very close to  
disaster and upon the Illinois miners depend  
whether or not it goes over the knuckle into the  
dark hole along with the rest of the district  
unions in the soft coal fields of continued strong  
and indestructible against all assaults.

Lewis was without any constitutional authority to  
strike at Sub-District No. 2 in the manner he did.

What his motive is, only he knows, but the miners  
should be on their guard.

Section No. 2, Article No. 3, of the Constitution of  
the International Union, United Mine Workers of Amer-  
ica reads as follows:

"All districts, sub-districts and local unions



must be chartered by and shall be under the jurisdiction of and subject to the laws of the International Union and rulings of the International Executive Board. Charters can be revoked only by the International President, whose action shall be subject to approval by the International Executive Board.

To say the above quoted section of the International Constitution vests in the International President the power to revoke district or sub-district charters and create self-constituted "provisional governments" in self-supporting districts or subdistricts and thereby automatically remove from their official positions men who have been duly elected by the rank and file in the respective divisions and to then appoint men of his personal choice to function in their stead is to read into the law language that is not there, and is to disregard and to deny other sections of the same constitution and which provide for the reverse of what is attempted.

When other sections of the International Constitution are considered one must indeed distort Section No. 2, Article No. 3 to find warrant for the exercise of such autocratic action. One must, by distortion, breathe into self-appointed plenipotentiary power that is not thereby recognized and that was not intended by the framers of the constitution and that would be foreign to the principles of democracy and abhorrent to those in whom rests the right of self-government.

It would be aberrant reasoning not to differentiate between newly and sparsely organized immature districts or sub-districts without the means to properly function, and long organized self-supporting and properly functioning districts or sub-districts in trying to arrive at a just determination of this controversy.

Though substantial reasons may be advanced in support of such dictatorial action where a district or a sub-district is still in the initial stages of formation of small



membership and still dependent on the financial support of the International Union, no valid reason can be adduced in support of such action where these branches are perfectly organized, self-supporting and independent of outside aid from any source.

To take such action in the latter instance is to arrogate power not granted and that in fact is denied and is a high-handed and unconstitutional attempt to gain, by circumvention and illegal practice some desired end that cannot be attained by adherence to other specific and regulative provisions of the International Constitution.

Admitting that the aforesaid Section No. 2, Article No. 3, does vest in the International President the right to revoke district and sub-district charters, certainly said Section does not, either by written word or by implication, empower him to go beyond the act of revocation and also tear down properly constituted governments, unceremoniously remove duly elected officers and to set up self-created "provisional governments" and to appoint self-selected officers to preside over them.

There is no reason why the International President should have such wide autocratic power and the enactment International Convention never intended that he should have such power.

X In fact the International Convention, which is the law-making body of the International Union, clearly defined the authority and power of the International President as to his right to remove or suspend from office and as to his right to appoint in Sections No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 of Article No. 9, International Constitution.

Said sections read as follows:

Section 5. "He may suspend or remove any International Officer or appointed employee for insubordination or just and sufficient cause."

Section 4. "He may appoint a member"



whose duty shall be to collect and compile statistics on the production, distribution and consumption of coal and coke, freight rates, market conditions and any other matter that may be of benefit to the Organization. Said statistician shall make a report to the regular convention."

Section No. 8. "He may appoint such organizers, field and office workers as may be necessary to conduct the affairs of the International Union."

Section No. 9. "He shall appoint from among properly elected delegates the committees necessary to transact the work of International Conventions, and in effect the Resolutions, Constitution and Grievance Committees to meet at headquarters sufficiently early to enable them to be prepared to render at least a partial report on the first day the Convention convenes. But if a Convention is to consider charges regularly filed, against the President the Grievance Committee shall be elected by the Convention."

Section No. 10. "He shall appoint, subject to the approval of the International Executive Board, one or more competent Traveling Auditors, and appoint them to agree upon by the Districts and International Union. Said traveling Auditors shall examine the accounts of all local unions at least once every year and assist in establishing a uniform system of bookkeeping in the local unions. Should such audits develop any irregularities, those responsible for the same shall be penalized as hereafter provided. The Traveling Auditors so appointed shall submit a correct report of their findings to the International District and Sub-District officers, and shall also forward a copy of the same to the