

## **To all coal producers of coal of Cherokee and Crawford counties, Kansas, operating under receivership**

In November, 1919, coal miners in southeast Kansas went on strike. The Kansas Supreme Court created a receivership to operate the mines pending the end of the strike. This document was sent to all coal producers in Crawford and Cherokee counties in Kansas as a result of the case Hopkins vs. Bruce & Pierard Coal Co. in the state supreme court. The document outlines four directives that coal producers are advised to follow during the state take-over of the mines. But mine workers did not return to work as outlined in item one of this directive. Miners refused to return to work for the state following advisement of local union leaders and a refusal by the state governor to pay increased wages as demanded. The state continued to operate the mines until mid December when local leaders agreed to a settlement and called workers back to the mines.

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State of Kansas, ex-rel,  
Richard J. Hopkins, Atty. Gen.

vs. No. 22700

Bruce & Pierard Coal Co., et al

To, All Coal producers of Coal of Cherokee & Crawford  
Counties, Kansas, operating under Receivership.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTION NO. 1

Under the settlement covering in the operation of coal producing properties as may be included in above entitled action, you are advised as follows:

1. All shaft mines and pits will continue as they were being operated as of date October 31, 1918, re-establishing the same employees as fast as possible.
2. General operation of the several shaft mines and pits to be conducted along the same line and in manner as before, retaining the same separate identity of corporation, partnership or individual operation.
3. All bills, pay rolls, accounts and all other expense incident to operation should be handled as previously done, reporting regularly in detail to this office for handling. All sales should be handled in like manner.
4. All coal as loaded to be shipped in name of and under direction of Receivers, who will also make collections thereof, and on all orders furnished you by this office, Shippers' Order, Bill of Lading must be issued, weights obtained, signed as soon as possible, and transmitted to this office; also send copy of all billing together with weights to this office daily.

Respectfully,

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