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Moweauqua Coal Corporation

Erie Sootless Coal

MOWEAQUA, ILL., July 28, 1932. 1931

Gov. L. L. Emerson,
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Governor:

The Coal Mine and properties were leased by some citizens of this community last year to prevent the mine from being closed in these strenuous times. Last winter was a very mild winter and the sales were low. We hoisted 31,000 tons until April first.

This mine employed about 110 men last year. About thirty truckers hauled coal from here to adjoining towns and vicinities for twenty miles or more distant.

We are indoubt if we can start operation this year without some money. If we had \$1000 we could start and employ about 150 for the winter which would enable them to feed themselves and their families.

I think we could repay this amount of money barring an act of God or the encroachment of the common enemy.

Is our situation one that the Relief Finance Corporation can assist? A little assistance just now will enable this community to take care of about six hundred men, women and children without outside relief.

We would like to sell some of the State Institutions coal.

I am writing you these facts, briefly stated, Governor knowing that if there is any provision for such relief you will get us in touch with the plan, method and officials.

We assure you that we shall appreciate your interest in this matter more than we can tell.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Hickman, Secretary