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BIG COAL STRIKE BEGINS TOMORROW 75,000 AFFECTED

When the Men in the Illinois Fields Walk Out Tonight, Every Mine in the State Will Be Shut Down.

ARBITRATION IS TO LAST OVER A MONTH

Seas Committees of Operators and Miners Will Hold a Conference in Chicago on First of Week.

(American News Service) Chicago, March 31.—The most extensive strike in the history of Illinois, will be on when 75,000 miners finish today's work, the last under the old contracts. Resumption of work will not come for about thirty days, according to A. J. Moorehead, president of the Illinois Coal Operators' association, who asserts peace negotiations could not be brought to a successful conclusion that day.

Although the strike is fairly under way, however, arrangements have been made for the calling of a large conference in Chicago for the Monday between the seas committees of the operators and miners. It is expected four hundred delegates will be in session, but operators today asserted that sixty days might be required to bring about a solution of the most baffling question that ever confronted them and the employers.

800 Mines to Close.

Meanwhile, nine hundred mines will be closed down and 225 operating companies affected.

While the sixteenth hour developments made it certain that the Illinois strike was inevitable, word came from other mining sections summarizing the situation as follows:

Illinois Coal Operators' Association. This morning strike will strike at midnight, following settlement of wage demands.

Other miners are ordered to strike tomorrow while a conference to cover Illinois strike is held.

Twelve thousand miners in Kansas are ordered to strike tomorrow.

Central Pennsylvania miners and operators conferred today in an effort to reach an immediate settlement.

Michigan miners, 2,400 in number, join the strike tonight.

Lewis in Charge.

President Tom L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers will have Indianapolis to take charge of the Illinois strike.

Illinois operators avert strike by wage increase.

Illinois miners vote to demand ten dollars a day minimum instead of five

and to strike if the affected coal miners do not get 2,000 men back to work in 2,000 mines.

Illinois miners are to demand production of more than 1,000,000 tons.

Illinois miners are to miners for more than a month.

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Illinois miners reported today that the strike would be felt in Chicago and the surrounding areas within a week.

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