Labor Strife in Grundy County Coal Mines

1922

Burns Detective Agency Reports

In 1922 strife came to the coal mines of Grundy County as miners began to organize. The company, Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company and its president, E. L. Hampton, hired the famous Burns Detective Agency to investigate and to assist in protecting the company's interests.

Attached are a number of daily reports filed by a Burns agent between July $4^{\rm th}$ and August $19^{\rm th}$ in 1922.

August 1, 1922.

Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co.

Tracy City, Tenn.

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Statement of Reports rendered

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MEMPHIS OPERATING #778:

Enroute Memphis to Nashville, Tennessee.
Tuesday, July 4, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR 8-4 REPORTS:

Being assigned to the above titled case and after receiving instructions from Manager W.A.H. I immediately proceeded to my boarding place, packed my grip and ate supper. I then called Manager W.A.H. over the phone and he made appointment to meet me at once at the corner of Main & Union St. I took Peabody Car to the designated point where I met Manager W.A.H. and received some I.W.W. literature and letter of introduction to our client Mr. E.L.Hampton. I then proceeded to the Union depot where I purchased a ticket for Nashville, Tenn. also Pullman ticket No. B.S.86015 calling for upper berth No.5 on car K-4 from Memphis to Nashville. Being enroute at midnight.

Time .		None
Expense		
St.car fare Memphis	.21	
Supper at Memphis	.50	
R.R.Ticket	8.58	
Pullman	3.50	
Porter (Tip)	.25	
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

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Nashville, Tenn.

Wednesday, July 5, 1922.

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MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing on the above titled case and being Enroute at midnight I arrived at Nashville near 7:00 A.M. and I proceeded to Savoy Hotel registering by my right name and and was assigned to room #306. I then called our client, Mr.E.L. Hampton at Hemlock 457 but was informed that Mr.Hampton was out of the city. I then wrote a Special Delivery letter to at Tracy City, Tenn. telling him that I was at the Savoy Hotel at room #306 awaiting his arrival or instructions.

I then had breakfast at 10:00 A.M. at the Antone, went for a trolley ride, had dinner at 2:30 P.M., went to Loew's State show, had supper at 8:30 P.M. and finished this report.

Time	one day		15.00
Expens			
	Postage	-	
	r fare	•50	
Breakf	ast	.75	
Dinner		1.00	
Supper		1.00	
		3,25	3.25
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK

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Nashville, Tenn., Thursday, July, 6, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing on the above titled case I arose at 9:00 A.M., went to Antone Cafe 713 Church St. and had breakfast. I then returned to my room to write some letters, while at my room No.306 Savoy Hotel, Mrs. E.L. Hampton (wife of our client) phoned me telling me that she had a message from Mr. Hampton and that he would be in Nashville near 7:00 P.M. today and that he would then see me at my room at about 8:30 P.M.

After finishing my letters I called taxi from Hermitage Taxi Co. driven by Mr. Meade and went to the Old Centennial Park. I then visited the Vanderbilt grounds and returned to my room at 1:45 P.M. dismissed the cab and went to dinner at Antones. I then caught St. Car to 1318 Sixth Ave North where Mr. Chas. C. Shockney is living, there I found that he had attended a State Ku Klux meeting of the executives of this order on July 4th at Chattanooga, Tenn. and that at this meeting Tracy City had been reported as using the Ku Klux Regalia unlawfully and without authority. Also that the State of Tenn. had at this meeting declared it would not pay into the treasury any money as long as Edward I Clark (address unknown) acting Imperial Wizard was in office. L.D. Ward was former Imperial Secretary and Harry B.Terrell was former Goblin of the Organization. These men and their address are unknown to the writer at the present, but I understand that they are State Officials in this organization, if so their addresses can easily be ascertained.

Mr.E.L.Hampton called at 8;30 P.M. and stayed until 11:30 P.M. discussing the situation at Palmer, Tenn. near Tracy City. At these mines they have had considerable trouble in the past, getting several new angles. Mr.Hampton assured me that the evidence must be of such a nature that they could get a Federal injunction against the miners union as they had no sheriff or town officials, as this was election year there and they had already declared themselves in favor of the miners, and that every new man that came into the community was visited and searched by the supposedly Ku Klux Klan and questioned by the miners; therefore I find it necessary to go to the labor halls here tomorrow and get me a union card as a leather worker.

Being nothing more to accomplish and as it is now 12:00 midnight I will discontinue for the day.

Time one day Expense Bed & Bath Breakfast

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Dinner	•75 •15	
Car fare		
Supper for two	1,50 8,40	6.40
Total Expense	0.40	31.40

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK

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Nashville, Tenn., Friday, July 7,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing on the above titled case I went of breakfast, then to labor hall one half block off Church St. in the 700 block, there I found I could not get a union oard unless someone. would vouch for me as being a good workman & etc.

I had learned from Chas.C. Shockiey of 1318 Sixth Ave North that Mr. Walter N. Morgan had a shoe shop at 314 Third Ave North and as I had befriended this man's brother in Oklahoma several years back, I easily got his endorsement and was issued a temporary card until the local meets about the middle of next week. This temporary or working card is all that I desired.

I then proceeded to the Broadway leather house and purchased a set of shoemakers tools costing \$5.65 less 2% making \$5.54 enclosed find itemized bill from this firm. It being near one o'clock I went to Antones' Cafe and had dinner.

Being nothing more I could se to do I went to my room and there talked to the Manager W.A.H. of Memphis Office, over long distance, as I was very desirous of receiving some I.W.W. and Bolshevike literature, also some dynamite that I want for one of two reasons. I will have to pose in Tracy City as a bad character and my having some dynamite, fuse and caps in my grip along with I.W.W.literature & etc will get me in nearer (right) than anything I could do. I also need other things from my grip which is in Memphis and Manager W.A.H.will immediately send the grip and other things to me; therefore I will await the arrival of this as I feel like it will be of great value to me in this case.

After talking to Manager, I went to supper, returned to my room, wrote this report and discontinued for the day.

Time	one day		15.00
Expense	-		
Room		3.50	
Breakfast		•65	
Dinner		1.00	
Supper		_7 0	
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

Nashville, Tenn., Saturday, July 8, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR 8-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose this morning a t the usual time, had breakfast and was still waiting for the package from Memphis when I received a telegram stating that Investigator S-2 would leave Memphis Saturday noon with the package in question.

I then had dinner, later had supper and at about 9:30 P.M. investigator 5-2 came to my room with my grip and all necessary paraphanalia for my trip. His coming has eliminated a lot of time for me as I would not have received this package before Monday afternoon if he had not brought it. I gave this investigator what articles I had with me that I did not need and he left Nashville at 11:40 P.M. for Memphis. I then retired.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expense Breakfast Dinner	.60 .75 .70	
Supper Room	3.50 5.55	5.55 16.55

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

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Enroute Nashville to Memphis, Tennessee.
Saturday, July 8, 1922

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-2 REPORTS:

Receiving instructions from Manager W.A.H. I proceeded to the Rickman Crousby Wholesald Co. on Shelby St. where I talked to Mr. Will Napier regarding the purchase of six sticks of dynamite, six caps and 10 feet of fuse. He told me I could procure the desired articles through his company but it would need be ordered from Nashville, Tenn., this not being satisfactory I proceeded to various other establishments who handle the above mentioned article, and was advised after spending some time that the required amount could be procured from the York Ambrose Co, 162 South Main St. There I purchased the above mentioned articles and returned to the office of this Agency where I turned same over to Manager W.A.H. I was then instructed to proceed to Nashville, Tenn. to deliver a hand bag to investigator 8-4. This I did, proceeding to the Union Station in Memphis where I purchased a railroad ticket for Nashville, leaving Memphis at 12:30 P.M. arriving at Nashville at 9:20 P.W. I proceeded to the Savoy Hotel where I met investigator S-4 who took his hand bag.

This being Saturday night it was feared he would not be able to get the hand bag should it have been shipped by express and he informed me he desired to leave Nashville early Sunday morning. I then returned to the railroad station where I purchased a railroad ticket for Memphis, leaving Nashville at 11:00 P.M. and am yet enroute at midnight.

Time or	ne day	15.00
Dynamite	1.90	_
Car fare (Mem	phis) .21	
R.R.fare Memph		
Nashville	. 8.58	
R.R.fare Nash	ville	
to Memphis	8.58	
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Supper on trai		
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

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#16030

Memphis, Tenn., Saturday, July 8,1922.

MEMPHIS OFFICERREPORTS:

We received a letter last night from our investigator S-4 on this case and in order to ascertain the nature of his request we put in a long distance call. The investigator requested that we send him six sticks of Dynamite, six Caps and eight or ten feet of fuse wire; also requested that we send some of his personal effects such as old clothes, old shoes & etc. that we would find in his room. He stated that it was the height of folly for him to try to purchase this dynamite in Nashville as he would have to make several inquiries before securing it, if at all and he might disclose his identity to some of the Ku Klux Klan or he might be tipped off by the parties from whom he purchased the dynamite to the Police Department who might pick him up as a suspect; therefore he asked that we ship it to him with his personal effects and as it would be impossible for us to procure this dynamite before 11:00 A.M. today and by shipping it our investigator would not be able to procure it in Nashville before Monday night and as this would delay him there two days and as it is against the law to ship dynamite by express and we might be the cause of some innocent parties being killed by shipping it this way, we sent investigator S-2 to Nashville to personally deliver it to investigator S-4 who will have it in his possession by 10:00 P.M. tonight.

Feeling that this was the necessary procedure in order to get this operation started in the proper way, the Manager did not hesitate to carry this out as above stated.

Paid Western Union telegram was sent to investigator S-4 as follows:

"Summers leaving for Nashville with the goods at noon today meet him"

Time None
Expense
Long distance call 4 minutes \$3.20
Telegram .40

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776 NEW YORK #16030

> Memphis, Tenn., Sunday, July 9,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-2 REPORTS:

Continuing on the above title case I was enroute at midnight arriving from Nashville at Memphis at 7:00 A.M., having breakfast I proceeded to the office of this Agency and discontinued.

Time None Expense Breakfast .65 Car fare at Memphis .07 .72

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

Tracy City, Tenn., Sunday, July 9,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing on the above titled case I arose this morning and after having breakfast I proceeded to the depot where I purchased a ticket for Cowan, Franklin County, Tenn. and When I arrived at Cowan I met a man by the name of Mr. Wilson, the same name that I am going by here, and I managed to get a ride with him to Tracy City.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Room	3.50	•
Breakfast Dinner	60 •75	
Supper	.70	
R.R. fare	<u>4.00</u> 9.55	9,55
•		24.55

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

Tracy City, Tenn., Monday, July 10,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose this morning had breakfast and then bought some shoe lasts. I then went out to Palmer, Tenn. where I met a man they call Baldy Summers who says he will help boost my shoe shop to the skies. He also says the minera are going to win this strike soon or there is going to be some "Hell" raised soon. I returned to Tracy City and met a young man by the name of Harry S. Elam who works for the New York Store here at Tracy City, he is a fine fellow and is showing me every courtesy in getting started up.

I helped him make several pistol scabbards today, one for a man named Martin and one for a man named Hanes. I don't know who the rest of the scabbards were for. Everything seems to be getting started nicely but there is nothing else that I could accomplish today so I discontinued.

Time Expense	one	day	15.00
Room	1.5	50	
Breakfast	• 4	10	
Dinner	• 3	35	
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

Tracy City, Tenn., Tuesday, July 11,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR 8-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case, I stayed here last night as there is only one train all the way through every other day. I stayed at Mrs. Baileys getting out on the 12:50 P.M. train back to Palmer. I would like to have the client drop me a line here as everything is too hot at Palmer to risk any mail there and all mail I get here the wording must be very carefully guarded. I believe that I have over come most of the prejudice that they usually have for strangers in their midst. Write to me here as Jim Wilson.

Time	one day		15.00
Expense Board at	Mrs.Balleys	2.00	2.00 17.00
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK

#16030

Palmer, Tenn., Wednesday, July 12, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing on above titled case, I returned to Palmer today, arriving at 4:00 P.M. I then went to the Post Office to rent an unused restaurant building for my shoe shop. The Postmaster has charge of this property while there I met Mr.W.B.Wooten room #201 Chattanooga Federal Building who is Post Office Inspector for this district. He and I occupying my room at Mr.Hall's boarding house and who I got to get these reports mailed for me, as it would be very dangerous for me to even mail a letter or report, I having been shadowed here by Baldwin Phelps Detective named Herman Brown and another, who is employed by the miners Union here and who I was not able to ascertain the name of yet. I then talked to Mr.Hanes, Mr.Northout and Jim Tinker also old man Johnson.

They all seem to be weaker every moment and my advice would be for client to pur in 50 men and go to work as it would only help make thugs show their hand, and they could quit and get out if necessary.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed	1.00	•
Breakfast	. 75	
Dinner Ticket	. €5 .65	
l pint liquor	1.50	
Supper	<u>.85</u> 5.40	5 10
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Palmer, Tenn., Thursday, July 13,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR 8-4 REPORTS:

Continuing on above titled case, I arose at 5:30 A.M. as is customary here, I had breakfast at 6:30 A.M. and there being a few men around Company store I went down to see if any of my yesterdays acquaintances was there seeing only one, a Mr.Custerred. I talked with him for quite awhile and he said they were going to have a miners Union meeting this P.M. at 2:00 o'clock and invited me to join the miners union. I went and was duly admitted on payment of my initiation, \$5.00, and given a Miners Union Button reading July 1922; in the center and District 19 U.M.W of A" Working Button in the circle around July 1922 there things were discussed freely and the men openly expressed their intentions of shooting up any bunch of people that came into this Valley to take their jobs; saying that sequash valley had promised to come to their aid also nearly every man at Tracy City and that their only trouble was that they had no long range rifles; although with the few they had they could get on top of the bluff which is a perpendicular rock 25 or 30 feet high at the crown of the Mountains and about 800 yards from the mine entrance and town, extending along for a mile and make the scabs or guards break their necks.

Some of the bunch expressed their good wishes for Henry Hampton a bookkeeper at the mine companies store and also a nephew of our clients for giving them valued information at different times and for his repeated expressions of hoping they won.

After the meeting I went to see a Mr.Jno.Barker who I was told had the renting of companies property and tried to rent an unused powder house on the Shale Slope across from the depot 200 yards. He referred me to Mr.R.V.Roberts of Tenn. Coal Companies Office at Tracy City. I caught 4:15 P.M. train for Tracy City arriving here at 6:30 P.M. too late to see any one or get my mail.

There being nothing more I could accomplish today I discontinued.

Time		one day	
Expense Bed		1.00	
Breakfast	•	•50	

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Expense continued.

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Palmer, Tennessee, Friday, July 14,1922.

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MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing on above titled case, I met Henry Hall, Edd Hall's son, at Mr. Edd Hall's residence; after talking awhile I decided from Henry's conversation and his radical stand that he probably could assist me materially. So on his invitation for us all to come over, I told him I would go over with him as I wasn't busy. After reaching his residence, he decided to go into the mountains after his hogs, having found one with pigs that had strayed several days before; seeing he wanted to shake me I ask him to allow me to accompany him, then he decided put it off, I talking all the time of miners troubles & etc., finally he told me he was intending to go to a secret meeting two miles up on top of the mountains and I suggested it was Ku Klux. He admitted that it was. I being very anxious to join and he being very reluctant, I finally told him I'd give him \$20.00 to get me in and showed the money, he then agreed. He and I went about two miles to a Mr. Hargis Gasoline saw mill, West of Palmer, directly on top of the mountains which is very level and well timbered. Before getting to the meeting place he left me saying to stay hid there till he came back for me which he did at 10:30 A.M. taking me about one half mile where I met 33 men, none of whom were masked and I took a mental picture of them all and am surs I will know every one of them on the streets. Some that I remember are Presnell, Murphy, T.C. Ballew, the last one from Tracy City and a bad actor. I was sworn in as a member after Henry Hall had vouched for me as being a good scout and ready to do anything for the boys. I swore by the virtue of my mother to obey any command of the Grand Goblin, even to assassination and to be ready at anytime to purjure myself for any member, and then each one of them holding hands in a circle around me swore by God and Man and their mothers virtue to kill me if I failed. I then was blind folded with a hankerchief, I have now in my possession, and horse played quite a bit; finally they quit and we all sat down. They then told me of visiting the old man at Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company pumping station and telling him what to say and what to forget and stated that he forgot it all except what they had instructed him to tell the boss and that the boys then asked him whatelse they said for him to forget and he promptly told them he had forgot it.

I being a new member was assessed five weeks which is \$1.00 each week. This money is used to buy two high powered rifles each week and to now and then buy some groceries for destitute miners.

I then asked them if this was the real Ku Klux Klan and Mr.Mirphy promptly told me no that it was only the miners Ku Klux and had no connection with the real ones, except a few of the members were really of the Ku Klux organization and that the miners Organization in Palmer had 64 members also that they expected to get Duffy, a foreman of the miners there, at an early date and that they did not expect to send but ten men for him and they are to call him to the door and shoot him. We others are to swear we were all playing cardsat some place to be designated later. I promptly volunteered to go with this buck but was told that I would be told not asked to do anything they saw fit.

At 12:00 noon the meeting broke up, Henry and I coming back down to his residence which sets almost under the cliffs in the Valley; here Henry showed me a new Colt 45, new Service Revolver that he had purchased for the expressed purpose of Killing some Scab, S-- of B--- with. I then returned to my boarding place arriving there at 1:30 P.M. and finding dinner waiting I ate and went out to the Companies store where I chewed tobacco and swapped lies with the bunch until supper. Being very tired I made notes and retired at 8:00 P.M.

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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK

#16030

Tracy City, Tenn., Friday, July 14, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at the usual time, 7:00 A.M., had breakfast at Mrs. Bailey's. I was invited by Pete Bailey to go over with him and his mother to his sisters, which I did staying until 11:00 A.M. I then came back and got out of car in front of drug store, Pete and I went in and had a cold drink. I saw Mr. Stanles Hampton and Mr. Roberts, their general superintendent, come into the Drug store and come up to the fountain. Mr. Stanlee Hampton ordered a Coco Cola with asperin in it, but he did not apparently recognize me which was very sensible and commendable in him as I was with a pretty wild and hot headed Union advocate. But seeing Mr. Stanlee Hampton in front of the bank a few minutes later I approached him and told him that his foreman at the mines had told me to see him and find out if I could get an old powder house on the shale dump opposite the depot at Palmer moved down in front of the station for me a shoe shop, quietly telling him I'd be at his house tonight at 8:30.

After supper Pete Bailey suggested we go to the show and meet some girls I agreed, bought two tickets to movies and slipped out. This was the only way to dodge this party so as to fill my engagement with client.

I filled this appointment there I met Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hampton, and Mrs. Stanlee Hampton and we immediately went into details. I related the substances of my former reports to them, as the situation is graver than I first anticipated I advised them of my views and knowledge. After a long conference I suggested 50 or 75 guards to open these mines and considering it very hazardous did not advise it being tried with less. These gentlemen advised me to get on the job and to come in next Tuesday when Mr. Hampton, Sr. will be here. After assuring Mrs. Hampton who seemed very much disturbed as to their personal safty that they were in no immediate danger or probably none whatever as it was Mr. Hampton, Sr. the miners hated. I bid them good night at 11:30 promising Mrs. Hampton that I would get her work in time to leave safely with the baby if it come to the worst even though I had to break all Marathon Mountain records being nothing more I could accomplish I came to my room, where I wrote this report finishing at 12:30 A.M.

> Time Expense

None None

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Saturday, July 15, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case, I apparently had come into Tracy City to get permission from the Company to move a powder house on the slate dump near mine No.4 to be used by me in putting in a shoe meair shop.

I went to the office of Tenn. Coal Co. and there Mr.R.B.Roberts and Mr.Stanlee Hampton talked over things again with me but advanced no new ideas. I then went to N.Y. Store and there purchased a big block of sole leather from Harry Elam, also some tacks and a bottle of edge dressing and some rubber heels. I then caught train at 2:00 P.M. as it was late and went back to Palmer.

It had been agreed previously by Mr. Stanley Hampton that he would have a double barrel shot gun put in a package and left over a seat in the smoking car for me so I could apparently go squirrel hunting on the Klan meeting days. I found this gun but only kept my eye on it till reaching Palmer. There I went to the company store and bought two boxes of shells and carried over to Mr Ed Hall's house where I room, there Mr. Hall and I discussed the merits of the gun & ect. I then went down to the station and mingled with the boys for awhile, coming back at supper time and discontinuing.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed (Tracy City) Breakfast Dinner Leather, nails, polish Shells R.R.fare	1.00 .50 .50 4.60 2.50 .65	9,75 24,75

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NEW YORK....#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Sunday, July 16, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing the above titled case I arose at usual time and after breakfast had a card game with Mr.Ed Hall, Henry Hall, and Lane, a son-in-law, finally joining in played cards and talked of the impending "Hell" to be raised at Palmer by the Union miners till 12:00 noon.

Henry Hall and Rupert Tate came back at 2:30 and told me that the Klan was going to meet at 9:30 A.M. Monday, and to be sure to be there. Thinking it would meet at the same place I took my kodak the shuttle of which is worked by pressing a bulb, and knowing that the small bulb would not create enough air to work shuttle at a distance I had bought a ladies bubber bulb syringe to be used for just such occasions, by taking 20 feet of rubber tubing and some electricians sticking tape I made a perfect connection and found that it worked perfectly. I took this to our previous meeting place and climbed a chestnut oak stump about 10 feet high that was broken off level. There being quite a bit of pithy wood in the top of this old snag I soon had a place dug and broke out so as to focus the machine on our meeting place. I covered all up except the lense with pithy wood and stuck a dead pole up against the side away from the meeting place and let my tube come to the ground there between the pole and the tree; I covered this tubing to about 8 or 10 feet from the snag and there put my bulb to be stepped on when the proper time come. I then went back to Palmer and my room, being nothing more to accomplish, and discontinued. 4t 7:00 P.M.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner Bulb & Rubber Films Supper	1.00 .50 .50 2.35 .35 .50	<u>5.20</u> 20.20

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK.....#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Monday, July 17, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at usual time and had breakfast at Mr.Hall's I then pu in a tedious three hours waiting for time to come for me to go to our so called Ku Klux meeting. At 9:00 A.M. I saw Henry Hall and Jack Lane coming over I immediately got my shot gun and was ready to go. These men told me that the meeting place had been changed for the benefit of one of their members by the name of Tom Hutchison who is a prominent cattle man and fox hunter East of Palmer 5 or 6 miles therefore we went East from Palmer to a natural ampitheater or cove as the mountain people call it. This cove is not thinkly timbered but has a growth of buck bushes about 3 feet high.

On arrival there were 20 or 25 men there mostly young men just grown, I cannot be sure that all the following names are members or whether some of these mames were mentioned as being for the company, as I could not make notes but I am sure I have most of them correct and Klan members. Following is the list as far as I can remember them:

Mitchell boys Tom Hutchison Presnell Turner Jack Lane Ashford Gaey Thomas Geo.Ross G.D.Tate E.J.Styles A.B.Franklin Tate Shelton Sam Smith Wm.Ashfern W.C.Gray A.J.Statesman Rupert Tate

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Sam Charles Benton Charles Vick Woodlee Jonas Reader M.M.McCormick Ben Reader Chester Martin Geo. Garter Tom Carter Wm.Irvin E.J.Stratman J.C.Bates J.E.Styles John Lenon Maurice Lane Henry Thomas Bob Warden

Godberg, the fox hunter.

After our arrival everybody was ordered to put on their robes, which we all camried rolled in a bundle, They then put out four pickets to watch and make the others put on their regalia before coming into the assembly. The meeting

was called to order by the bailiff, Henry Hall, acting in the absence of their regular bailiff. Presnell was chairman or Grand Goblin. At this metting the notices that the company had served on about 30 or 40 to vacate their houses was discussed. Men rising and talking one at a time. They all seemed to think it was a bluff but decided to wait and see if it was a bluff and in the meantime to get ready to call any bluff that the company might make. Each one said if they were evicted from their homes they would dynamite or burn it behind them and as a precautionary measure against operating the mines they delegated four of us to wire the power house at the mines. This we did between 12:00 and 1:00 A.M. Tuesday morning, two Mitchell boys, Turner and myself. One Mitchell boy and I watching while Turner and the other Mitchell planted 18 or 20 sticks down beside the power house. These men seemed to be experts, as they had provided themselves with very fine copper wire and knotting one eand of the wire so as to just push into a dynamite cap then sealing it with soap they made a waterproof job. They extended two very fine wires from this dynamite to a place near storage room about 100 feet off there they intend to us a flash light to blow the power house .

Being nothing more to accomplish I returned to my room at 1:00 A.M. and retired.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast	1.00	
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Laundry Supper	5.35	5,35 20,35

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Memphis, Tenn., Monday, July 17, 1922.

MEMPHIS OFFICE REPORTS:

Owing to the fact that the dates of the reports on the above titled operation was given in error in a former report there will be two reports for July 14th; one dated Palmer and the other Tracy City, Tenn. but there will be no time and expense on the report from Tracy City for that date and in this way it will straighten out this matter.

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Palmer, Tennessee, Tuesday, July 18,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing the above titled case I arose at usual time 5:30 A.M. had breakfast after thinking of the dynamite plot and fearing the gang might blow this power plant "which is the very heart and soul of the mine" I decided to mine some on my own hook so I took a long knife and 12 sticks of dynamite and walked down the R.R. track to our plant. there I snipped the wires about 30 feet off covered it up back to the end where they will use the flash light there I connected up several sticks with their wires and planted directly under where it will be touched off. A tie train came up and hindered me for 40 minutes as I had engagement to meet Mr. Hampton Sr. and son at Mr. Stanley Hampton's residence at 8:00 P.M. I came back to boarding house and had dinner, then got ready to go to Tracy City.Left Palmer at 4:30 P.M. arriving in Tracy City at 6:00 P.M. going to Post Office, no mail from the office, ate supper a t Mrs. Baileys and went to Mr. Hamptons residence there I dound Mr. Hampton Sr. and Jr. and soon Mr. Roberts came. We discussed the situation from all angles and as the Companies Attorney will be here tonight we will get some legal data and meet again at same place. Finishing this conference at 12:00 midnight I returned to Mrs. Bailey's and retired.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner Ticket (Tracy) Supper	1.00 .50 .50 .65 .50	3.15 18.15

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Tracy City, Tenn. Wednesday, July 19,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case and after conference on the night of the 18th Mr. Hampton decided I had better get acquainted with some of the local "Bad" men of Tracy City to see how they felt and would act in case of imported labor being used at the mines. I went to the Court House about 10:00 A.M. and met Baldis Summers and talked with him, he is a very close mouthed person and I could get very little expression from him except, that if they ever tried to open these mines either at Palmer or Tracy City that the "Tennessee Coal Co. would get their damn scabs killed as thoroughly as the ones at Herring, Ill." I spent the day going around Tracy City with one bunch after another without accomplishing very much except to create a feeling of cinfidence in the rougher element. At our meeting at 8:00 P.M. at Mr. Stanley Hamptons residence, Mrs. Hampton suggested that Mr. Hampton and I go to Washington and try for U.S. protection direct. This move was taken under advisement by Mr. Hampton, Sr. I met a Mr.McCormack at this meeting who is one of the stock holders, if I am not mistaken, they again had me to recite most of my former reports concerning the mining and dynamiting plots. No definite plan of action was decided on at this meeting, and I shall meet them again tomorrow night.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner Supper	1.00 .50 .50 .50	2,50 17,50

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Tracy City, Tenn., Thursday, July 20, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing on the above titled case I was expected to go to Palmer today as Mr.Hampton, Mr.Roberts, and Mr.McCormack were to go out. But on going down town I was approached by Tom Ballew and Baldis Summers to go to a poker game two miles out in the country. Having met Ballew before and being a member of the Palmer K.K.K. with him, I felt no hesitancy in going to his still, near Summerfield, Tenn. which is about 2½ or 3 miles Northwest of Palmer. The still is located in a gulch about one mile from Summerfield. On arrival there we found a man named Warren and another named Arbuckle and Ballew's two brothers, these men were playing cards when we arrived and we all joined them. The Ballew brothers were furnishing the cards which were loudly stenciled, as the rest of the bunch didn't catch on I said nothing and played with their cards. Numbers of fellows came and went some to buy liquor and some to gamble, all that sit in the game, excepting myself, I winning \$8.00 which I paid to Tom Ballew for one gallon of whiskey and treated the bunch.

This bunch talked freely as being in favor and sympathy with the Tracy City and Palmer miners union and say they will help enforce the miners demands with a Winchester. Baldis Summers said he had ten men he could get that were absolutely dependable and that in the brush he would account for as many "Scab"miners as any other 25 men. The Ballews seem to hold this man in awe, still they were in accord with him in this talk. The Ballews and Warren had a fuss that broke up this game at 10;00 P.M. and I returned to my room and wrote this report at 12:00 midnight.

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Time	one	day	15.00
Expense Bcd, Mrs.Baileys Breakfast Dinner at Still half pint lique Supper	or -	1.00 .50 .75 .50 .45	3.20 18.20

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Tracy City, Tennessee, Friday, July 21, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at usual time at Mrs. Bailey's and went up town to catch train for Palmer, Tenn. I saw Mr. Stanlee Hampton at the station with his mother. I caught train from Tracy City to Coalmont at 9:30 A.M. arriving in Coalmont at about 10:15 A.M. I immediately proceeded to Palmer on foot, 12 miles distant, as there was no other train until Saturday evening and the K.K.K. was to meet Saturday it was very necessary for me to be there. I stopped at Larger, Tenn. where Mr. Marvin Henley runs a store and bought canned goods and Goco Cola for lunch, I then proceeded to Palmer, arriving there at 1:30 or 3:00 P.M. I immediately went to my room at Mr.Ed Halls there his wife told me he had gone turkey hunting. I then went to Henry Halls and he told me that the K.K.K. would meet at the regular. This is where I have the Kodak planted in the stump so as to get a picture of this meeting. I then went down to Power Plant and removed the dynamite planted against the wall of the building to wreck it, by Bob Turner and Mitchell and at the instructions and instigation of the K.K.K. of Palmer.

There being nothing more to do I returned to my room went carefully over my mental notes and retired at 9:00 P.M.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Paper R.R. fare Dinner Pistol Cartridges Supper	1.00 .50 .05 .26 .60 .50 .50	3,4 <u>1</u> 18,41

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Palmer, Tenn., Saturday, July 22, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at 6:30 A.M., helped Mrs.Hall with the chores, milking, feeding hogs, horses, and calves, had breakfast and went to company store, where I bought myself a clean shirt. I then went over to the station as I saw Bob Turner, Jim Tinker and Steve Meeks there, they informed me that K.K.K.would meet on top of the mountains at 1:30 P.M. and that we would have some talks. I loafed and talked with different ones until dinner and after dinner I got my shot gun and went squirrel hunting, apparently.

I reached the meeting place at about 1:15 P.M. there were several present when I got there, Jim Henderson was on guard from the valley side and did not know me but Melton, Bob Turner, and Roy Reed came up and vouched for me, the password being: "Yes I am cow hunting". Although I gave the proper password I was held until the above mentioned men identified me. When I reached the main meeting place I was surprised to see a minister of the Gospel, Rev. Jayhew Lane, among the ones already assembled.

After the gang had all assembled this preacher addressed them telling the men to not start any rioting until Mr.Hampton started to putting their families out of the houses and that he would then stay at home and pray for them unless it got too alfired hot and that then he knew exactly where to lay his hands on a good shot gun and plenty of buckshot shells and that he could probably do more good with it than he could by praying then. While this man was making his speech and several K.K.K. Regalia was laying on the logs and bushes I pressed the the bulb of my kodak with my foot, it caught a dead silence and it seemed that the shuttle made as much fuss as a pistol, evidently no one heard this except myself.

At this meeting things in general, like the assassination of Mr. Duffy or the dynamiting of the power plant were not discussed as it seemed that the preacher caused them to be more cautious than at previous meetings. After this meeting I immediately went to Mr. Halls residence where I board and found him there having returned from his turkey hunt very drunk. I put him

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in thehouse and his son-in-law and I put the team and fed. I then went out to the company store, wrote Mr. Stanlee Hampton a note carried it in the Baggage car and laid it on the messengers table. After finishing this and coming out to station platform I was invited to chip in on some liquor for the gang, as it would take the fellow two hours to go to the still and back and it would be dark then I went my part \$1.50 on this liquor and went to thehouse and had supper.

At about 7:15 I got my flashlight and went for my camera, I got it 0.K. and came very near running into the party, Sam Ross, that we had for the liquor, I ducked out of sight under a bush and he had a time getting his horse to pass me. Following is a list of most of the men who attended this K.K.K. meeting. Most of these are the miners on strike now:

Bob White Bill Sego Gerge Sego Geo.Ross Sam Ross Bob Hobbs Welch Jno.Sehone Chas. Tate Steve Meeks Henry Hall Pete Melton Roy Reed Chas Barnes Jim Tinker Jim Henderson Rev. Jahew Lane Bob Turner Roy Mitchell Bill Morrison Jess Washlane Dut Morrison Geo. Lane Edgar Overturf Walter Mitchell

After returning with my Kodak which had been rained on several times while in the stump I removed the film and put it away. Then went to the depot there I found the two mitchell boys, Sam and Geo. Ross, Bob Turner and two or three others pretty full of corn liquor. It took me until 12:30 to get them off home without dynamiting the company's store or power plant. I would have let it happen except Mr. Hampton had told me he wished to see concerning some insurance.

This being all I could accomplish for the day I went to my room at 1:00 A.M. and making careful mental notes retired.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Shirt Dinner Liquor Supper	1.00 .50 .75 .50 1.50 .50	4.75
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Palmer, Tennessee, Sunday, July 23, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case and as today is Sunday I did not get up until 9:30 A.M. when Clara, Halls grand daughter kept after me to have breakfast.

After breakfast I went down to the store and station but as every body was either going to Church or a poker game I went back to my room for several hours coming back to the station at near 4:CO P.M. Jack Lane suggested we have a penny ante poker game. I having some cards Turner, Lane, Ross, Mitchell and Presnell went to an old building nearby and proceeded to deal Stud. After playing for awhile Bob Turner got in a bad humor and cursed everybody out. At my suggestion that he sit down and shut up he cursed me roundly and I knocked him down splitting his lip, this broke up the poker game.

We then went back to the depot where they discussed creating a reign of terror as soon as the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co. started to ejecting them from its houses but no definite time or place was set.

Beingsupper time I returned to boarding place ate supper and retired early.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner Supper	1.00 .50 .50 .50 2.50	2.50 17.50

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Tracy City, Tenn., July 24, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at usual time and after breakfast, seeing a bunch at the depot with handstick I went down and found that a tie train was coming in to take workers back within three miles of Coalmont. I came on this train at 8:30 A.M. riding on Flat Car in a very hard rain to near Coalmont, I walked the rest of the distance and just missed the 10:00 A.M. train for Tracy City. I then waited for 2:00 P.M. train which was on time, reached Tracy City at about 3:00 P.M. I went directly to Mrs.Martins boarding house and changed clothing. Going to the Postoffice I received a letter from Mr.Stanlee Hampton saying he wanted to see me. I went to his residence at 8:30 P.M. finding Mr Hampton Sr. sitting on front porch. We talked there for several minutes and moved into the sitting room where Mr.R.B. Hoberts joined us soon and I made a verbal report to them giving them list of K.K.K. names mentioned in report of 22nd inst.

At this meeting they suggested that Mr. Hampton and I go to Nashville tomorrow to seek an interview with Gov. Alf Taylor showing him the dynamite and fuse wires & etc. that I had removed from the power house where Bob Turner and Mitchell had planted it to blow up this plant. Mrs. Stanlee Hampton having been very sick since our last meeting here, I inquired concerning her and the baby and Mr. Hampton carried me up to see them.

There being nothing more to accomplish I returned to my room, wrote this report and retired at 12:00 midnight.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner (Coalmont) R.R.fare Supper Bath Laundry	1.00 .50 .75 .26 .50 .25 .60	<u>3.86</u> 18.86

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Tracy City, Tennessee, July 25, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing on the above titled case I arose a t usual time in Tracy City and as there was nothing to do except wait until 11:00 A.M. for note to be dropped in Postoffice by client, instructing as to whether we would go to Nashville or not depending on whether he could find his lawyer over long distance.

I received the note later in afternoon to come to residence after dark which I did finding Mr.Stanlee Hampton at home and talking with him and wife for several hours, I was instructed by him to go to Plamer tomorrow, get my evidence and come on through to Nashville by Friday at 6:00 A.M. which is the time the train from here arrives there, and that his father and their attorney would go with me to the Governor of the state to make a final plea for protection in opening the mines at Palmer.

As there was nothing more that I could accomplish I returned to my room at 12:00 midnight and after writing this report retired.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast can Machine oil Dinner Supper	1.00 .50 .25 .50 .50	2.75 17.75

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Palmer, Tenn., Wednesday, July 26, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at the usual time in Tracy City, had breakfast and went to the depot to catch freight train to Palmer. This is a tie train and runs every day while the regular passenger runs only every other day. I succeeded in getting to Palmer on this train by tipping the brakeman sixty cents, arriving there at 11:30 A.M. I went to my room at Mr. Ed Halls.

My object in going to Palmer this trip was to get the 12 sticks of dynamite I had removed from against the power house, also some of the wiring & etc. to carry before the Governor Friday A.M. in company with the client and his attorney, also the picture of the K.K.K. meeting and other evidence mentioned in previous reports. After getting my stuff together I went down and talked with the bunch of miners around the store. They all seemed very sore at Mr. Hampton for not opening the mines at Palmer as the Sewanee Coal and Iron Co. had opened its mines, also the Flanegan mines had been opened near Tracy City.

There being nothing important that I could accomplish I went with Ed Hall into the mountains to hunt a cow, returning about 6:00 P.M and after having supper I wrote this report and retired.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast R.R.fare Dinner Supper Chewing tobacco	1.00 .50 .60 .50 .50 .15	3,25 18,25

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Enroute Memphis to Nashville, Tennessee Thursday, July 27, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR X-1 REPORTS:

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Having received a letter from the Investigator in this case stating that he, the client and the clients attorney would meet in Nashville, Friday morning, July 28th, to have a conference with Governor Taylor of Tennessee to urge him to proclaim Marshal Law in the vicinity of the mines owned by the client, I immediately decided that I would probably be able to do some good and as it was nearly train time when I got this letter from the Postoffice box I took taxi to the residence of investigator S-4 where I obtained a few of his possissions that he wished to have sent to Nashville to him which might bear on this case over there. I then proceeded to the Union depot where I purchased a ticket for Nashville, Tenn. and boarded the train at 10:50 P.M. and am still enroute at midnight.

Time	None
Expense Automobile	1,50
R.R.fare Memphis to Nashville	8.58
Pullman	3.75
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Tracy City, Tenn. Thursday, July 27, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose in Palmer at 6:00 A.M., had breakfst and went to the station. There was quite a bunch around as today was regular train day, I mingled with them freely and numbers expressed themselves that if Mr. Hampton was to die they would get a settlement at Palmer in three days, and all these men seem to be more bitter against Mr.E.L. Hampton since the other mines near here have opened. Presnell and Henry Hall came to me for my assessment and dues in K.K.K. as nobody the last two times could change a bill for me. I gave them the \$2.00 dues. The train came in at about 5:00 P.M. and I bought ticket No.9753 N.C.& St.L. R.R. from Palmer to Tracy City reaching here at dark or about 7:00 P.M. I immediately went to my room at Mrs. Bailey's and changed clothes, at supper and retired.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner K.K.K. dues Ticket Supper	1.00 .50 .50 2.00 .65 .50	5,15 20,15

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Enroute Nashville to Memphis, Tennessee. Friday, July 28, 1922.

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Continuing the above titled case and still being enroute at midnight from Memphis to Nashville, I arrived at Nashville at 7:00 A.M. this morning and took taxi to Arlington hotel where I expected to meet investigator S-4, he was not there, however, and I immediately called up the client in this case and he stated that our investigator should have arrived on the 6:35 A.M. train, I then put in telephone call to the depot and found out that the train had arrived but was about 30 minutes late. I therefore waited until about 8:00 A.M. when I called up my friend Mr.J.M. Towler of the Department of Justice who stated that he would be in his office about 9:00 A.M. I informed the client he could get me by calling Mr. Towler's office at 9:00 A.M. I then had breakfast, went to the office of Mr. Towler and at 10:00 A.M. I called up the clients residence over the phone and a ladies voice stated that client was at the Hermitage hotel. I called him there and he stated that he would go down and meet the 10:35 train as our investigator would probably be on that train and that they would immediately go to Mr. Towlers office and I informed them that I would wait there for him.

At about 11:00 A.M. the client, his attorney, and Memphis investigator S-4 came to Mr. Towlers office and we immediately went into conference regarding this case and also took Mr. Towler into our confidence in the matter. Mr. Towler after listening for sometime to this case advised that we talk it over with the United States district attorney and Mr. Towler then sent for him after he arrived and after some discussion we came to the conclusion that we would go before the Governor of the State of Tennessee about 3:00 P.M. this afternoon. I then went out for dinner returning at 15 minutes to 3:00 where we immediately proceeded to the residence of the Governor and after a slight delay we were able to see him and we stated the whole facts in this case to him showing him the different pieces of evidence investigator S-4 had accumulated, he agreed with us that that section of the country was very wild and that something should be done but stated that he could do nothing until some overt act had been committed.

on the part of the strikers, (I might state here that is only a few days before election and Governor Taylor is a candidate for re-election, enough has been said on this point) he had stated that should trouble arise, rioting occur and some be killed he would proclaim Marshal Law and send state troops but until that time he would do nothing. When informed that the sheriff of that county was in league with the strikers he stated that that was an unfortunate affair but that he could nothing unless the sheriff stated he could not control the situation. We showed him that there was a plan to blow up the clients Power House but he stated that he would not act unless they did it.

At this conference was Mr.J.M.Towler; Mr.Mc-Lane, United States District Attorney; the client; the clients attorney; Memphis investigator S-4; Memphis Manager W.A.Hicks. We then returned to the office of Mr.Towler where we again discussed this case and after considerable discussion we decided to have investigator S-4 return and keep in close touch with the situation and advise the client and in the meantime the client and his attorney would come to some definite conclusion about making a trip to Washington and laying this matter before the President.

Memphis investigator S-4 and myself then went to the Savoy Hotel and from there we had supper. Mr.Towler joined us at 7:30 P.M. and took us for a little ride driving Memphis investigator S-4 to the depot where he caught the 9:30 P.M. train back to Tracy City, I stayed with Mr. Towler until 11:00 P.M. when I purchased a ticket for Memphis and left Nashville at that time and am still enroute at midnight.

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Cowan, Tennessee, Friday, July 28, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at the usual time (6:00 A.M.) at Tracy City, Tenn. after breakfast I caught 8:15 A.M. train for Cowan. There changing cars for Nashville, Tenn. reaching Nashville at 11:30 A.M. and was met at the station by Mr. Hampton our client. There I was told that our Manager W.A.H. was at the office of the U.S. Department of Justice office, in the Federal building and suggested that we go there driving me up in his car. There Mr. Towler (Chief) and Mr. Hampton and Manager W.A.H. discussed the advisability of going to the Governor of Tennessee and laying my evidence before him.

The Chief called in the U.S.Attorney and after Mr.Hampton and Manager W.A.H. had advised me I unreservedly laid my evidence before them, some of which consisted of Dynamite retrieved by me from the side of the power plant at Palmer, Tenn. Also some of the miners fine wire that was to be used to explode this dynamite & etc. All was of the opinion that if Gov. Taylor of Tennessee wanted to prevent bloodshed after seeing and listening to my evidence would grant our client some protection. We then adjourned till 3:00 P.M. to meet at this same office, and after having dinner and awaiting the proper time I returned meeting client and others that was to go with us to Governor's office.

At 3:30 P.M. we went with the Federal Attorney who was Governor Taxlors campaign manager; the chief of Dept. Justice office at Nashville, Tenn.; our client and his lawyer; Manager W.A.H. and myself to see the Governor. The Governor gave us a very cordial welcome but explained to us that he was powerless to act as the last legislature had not provided sufficient funds to meet the requirements of his administration along Police or National Guard lines and that he would have to w ait till some violence happened before he could do anything Our Clients attorney asked Governor Taylor would he in the face of facts produced in his presence write down what he had said so as to give client a chance to appeal somewhere else for protection and the Governor got mad and very emphaticly stated that what he said was purely verbal and he would write nothing. This ended the interview and we bid him good-bye and returned to Dept. of Justices office.

After some other discussion Manager W.A.H. and I went to Savoy hotel. where I registered and was assigned to

room 305 where I got a lattle rest.

Mr.Towler called for us at 8:30 P.M. driving us around until 9:30 P.M. at which time my train left. Bought ticket for Tracy City but as I have to stay at Cowan till 8:00 A.M. to catch train commonly called the mountain train arrived in Cowan at 12:00 midmight went to hotel, wrote this report and retired.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast R.R. fare to Nashville Dinner Bailroad fare Tracy City	1.00 .50 3.80 .80 to 3.80 9.90	

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Memphis, Tenn., Saturday, July 29, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR X-1 REPORTS:

Being still enroute at midnight from Nash-ville to Memphis I arrived at Memphis at 7:00 A.M. this morning and proceeded to the office of the Agency where I made this report.

Time	None
Expense Tip to Porter Breakfast St. car fare	.25 .60 .07
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Palmer, Tennessee, Saturday, July 29, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at 7:30 A.M. at Cowan, Tenn., had breakfast and caught 8:15 A.M. train for Tracy City, arriving at Tracy City at 11:30 A.M. Went to Mrs. Bailey's boarding house and had dinner and at 12:30 P.M. caught train for Palmer, Tenn., the seat of action in this case, arrived in Palmer, Tenn. at 5:30 P.M. as the train was late.

I immediately saw several of the boys and they said for me to be down town at 7:30 as there was some help needed. I thinking it not necessary to question them closely if it was to be Sunday A.M. before the help was needed went to my room and had supper then retired early as I had a very painful case of diarrhea.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed at Cowan Breakfast R.R.fare Dinner Supper	1.50 .50 .65 .50 .50	3,65 18,65

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Palmer, Tennessee, Sunday, July 30, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at 6:00 A.M., had breakfast at 7:00 A.M., was down at the Companies commissary at 7:30 A.M. there near the Postoffice I met Jim Tinker, Henry Hall, Geo. Ross, Bill Morrison, Bob Turner, who said they could get Doc. Barnes horse for me if I would go that the Sequashie Valley boys would meet them and that they were going to blow "Hell" out of the damn scab mine, known as the dish pan about 8 miles over the mountains in a nother county. These mines are operated by some men named Bryants who have a reputation as killers, I did not go pleading that I was sick of stomach troubles etc. getting out nicely. Tried to get into Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co. store to phone Mr. Stanley Hampton concerning this deal. Mr. Barker was let in by Mr. Shockney, but he would not pay me the courtesy of even looking back although in a few feet of the door and I beating on the glass with a piece of silver money; therefore I couldn't get in communication with anyone and had to sit around all day awaiting developments.

Retiring early as I am very sick with bloody flux.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner Supper Smokes	1.00 .50 .50 .50 .25	2.75 17.75
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK.....#16030

Tracy City, Tennessee, Monday, July 31, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing on the above titled case I arose at usual time, although having fever, went to store at 7:30 A.M. with Mr.Ed Hall. Seeing Sam Ross, I asked him had other boys got back, he told me they had and there was going to be a K.K.m meeting at regular place at 9:00 A.M. and that he and I could start then. We started up the R.R. and met Slim Brown who joined us. On reaching the place although nearly an hour early there were several there, Bob Hobbs, Jno. Schone, Steve Mecks, Henry Hall, and others including Geo. Ross. I asked Geo. what they did and he said when they got there the other bunch had the guard fixed and that they went over and put 60 sticks of Dynamite under the power house and the Drum that winds the cars back up the mountains and that when it exploded the house tipple and all went down the mountain side about three hundred yards; the guard then returned and began shooting. They all joined in from the brush to make it look like a real battle. They then got on their horses and rode away. He said there was 15 or 18 of them.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Presnell and Henry Hall, there being about 38 or 40 men present. The situation was talked over at Palmer and some were in favor of sending a man to Tracy City to assasinate our client, Mr. Hampton, Sr. but this move was deferred until next meeting which is to be Thursday evening. They then will lay plans for the assasination of Mr. Hampton and Mr. Duffy. Their talk was very bitter against these men, claiming that the strike would have been settled long ago but for them. Their plans are to leave everything go smoothly so as not to show up their friend, the sheriff in his election. They then expect to cut loose with dynamite and fire. Mr. Ed Hall and I came to Tracy City on the train, leaving Palmer at 4:15 P.M. He proposed that as he knew several poker players here that he get them into a big olf fashioned poker game and that I come in and stick the game up. Saying we could make \$300.00 each. I agreed but did not meet him as he had planned.

Going out to Mr Stanley Hampton's residence and talking with him and wife till 9:30 I then returned to my room wrote this report and discontinued for the day.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dues K.K. Dinner R.R.fare Supper Cigarettes	1.00 .50 1.00 .50 .65 .50 .20	4.35 19.35

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Tracy City, Tennessee, Tuesday, August 1, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at 7:00 A.M. and after having breakfast, went to the Postoffice at 8:30 A.M., having been informed by Mr. Stanley Hampton that the Postmaster here had my reports for the 16th, 17th and 18th of last month in his possession. He had claimed to have sent them to the Dead Letter office, I scared this man stiff about this matter and really think it should be taken up with the P.O. Inspector of this district at Chattanooga. After getting these I mailed them to Memphis office special delivery.

I then went to the Court House where Mr.Ed Hall was supposed to be giving a deposition, I found him talking to the Sheriff, Mr.Ike Sartin, and saw the Sheriff give this man a bunch of money. I then called Ed Hall and he said I was the very fellow he wanted to see. I asked him what he wanted and he said he was going after 7 gallons of whiskey for the election at Palmer, Tenn. and asked me to go which I did. I returned to Tracy City at 12:30 P.M. and came to my boarding place where I had dinner. I then rested as I am very sich with the flux, having had high fever in the A.M.

At 7:00 P.M. I slipped in the back way at Mr. Stanley Hampton's residence, as he and his wire had invited me to dinner with them at this hour. While at dinner Mr. Hampton Sr. came in and later Mr. Roberts. We had a conference here as pre-arranged and I made a verbal report of everything to date. These gentlemen decided to call in their store Manager tomorrow and tell him everything so that should I need any assistance I could get it. I am to mail my reports through him and he is to telephone any message I may want sent at once to our clients. This conference lasted until 10:30 P.M.

I did not mention in my last report that Mr.Presnell, head of the K.K.K., has a last of 12 or 15 men all proven
gunman from the Mingo, Ky - Tenn. country that are subject to
call from him to us at any time if trouble starts at Palmer.
I will get a list of these names and include in a later report.
Being nothing more I could accomplish today I returned to my
room, wrote this report and discontinued at 11:45 P.M.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner Gasoline Oil Postage & Spl. Delivery stamps	1.00 .50 .75 .25	4.00 19.00

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Wednesday, August 2, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing the above titled case I arose at the usual time and after dinner I caught the 12:30 P.M. train from Tracy City for Palmer - I had been to Tracy City for a conference with our clients in this case - on the train a very jovial old man asked me to have a drink of corn liquor with him and I complied. Later I asked him to have one as I had some apple brandy in my grip and he complied. I then introduced myself to him as Jim Wilson and found him to be Justice of the Peace at Tracy City, Mr. Arbuckle and that he was delivering the different election booths along the Railroad from Tracy City to Palmer. I asked this justice if there was any chance to get a few extra tickets, he assured me that he could get them at Palmer and would give me a dozen, but he failed to make connection with his man at Palmer and I could not get them.

We arrived at Palmer at 4:15 P.M. after helping Mr.Arbuckl e to deliver his voting booth I then went to my boarding place. There Ed Hall wanted me to go one half with him on the seven gallons of apple brandy he had bought the day before but I refused yet I told him that if he would get some more fellows to go in I would too.

After supper I went down to the Company store where I met Bob Turner, Will Brown, George Ross, and Herman Brown who wanted me to go in with them on some election liquor to treat out next day for sheriff Ike Sartins friends only. To refuse would have caused them to think I didn't want to see him elected so I went in for one gallon at \$5.50. George Ross went after this five gallons and delivered it at about 10:00 P.M. behind the depot. We all agreed to hide this liquor down near the creek, some three hundred yards from the depot, we did this and I pulled the jug stopper loose.

There being nothing more to accomplish and as it was nearly 12:00 midnight I went to my room made mental notes and retired.

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Time	one day	15,00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner R.R.fare Supper Liquor	1.00 .50 .50 .65 .50 5.50	8,65 23,65

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Thursday, August 3, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing the above titled case, I arose at 6:00 A.M., had breakfast, and went to see Fred Lane with Ed Hall. Lane had been very sick with typhoid fever. We left there at 8:00 A.M., came down to the company store there we met Will Brown, Herman Brown, George Ross and Payne who had been to our liquor and found it all wasted except two fruit jars full, this they had with them. We also met Tom Mitchell and Shelf Lane Jim Wash Lane who agreed to go in on this liquor mentioned in previous report. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Hampton had suggested that I get some pretext to pour out this liquor of Ed Halls as he is a dangerous local politician and the men loaded on it might start a crusade of destruction where sober they probably would not.

I bought in on this liquor with the other three fellows mentioned, my share being \$6.00, after taking several drinks I pretended to be badly loaded and pulled my "Luger" and shot every jug of it, all of these men seemed too glad they didn't get killed to care much for the whiskey. I then went to the voting booth and stayed until the count up.

Nothing more to accomplish I returned to my room at 12:30 A.M. and retired.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinne r Supper Liquor	1.00 .50 .50 .50 6.00	8.50 23.50

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

Palmer, Tennessee, August 4, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

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Continuing the above titled case, Friday the 4th, immediately after election was very quiet and nobody weemed to be out. I helped Ed Hall plant turnips. In the P.M. Sam Henry Hall told me the K.K.K. would meet in the Second Cave and wanted me to meet with them two miles East of Palmer on Saturday, to-morrow.

As there was nothing more to accomplish today, I retired early.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner Supper	1.00 .50 .50 .50	2.50 17.50
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK #16030

Palmer, Tenn., August 5, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case, I arose at 6:00 A.M. and after having breakfast went to Mr.Tom Golsten's and told him the Klan would meet and where. I then came back to the Company store and saw Mr.Hinnegar, the Manager of our clients store at Palmer, he told me that Pane had made the remark in front of him and several more that I was a dam detective and didn't have him fooled any, as this propaganda is very dangerous to me here Imtook prompt action to curb it; taking a few fellows with me I went to his still, there I found him at work - this man has his still in his house, near the mine - I called him out and told him what I had heard then caught him by the overalls and jerked him through the gate, proceeded to give him what I thought he needed. This boosted me in the other roughnecks estimation and I think it did in Pane's too.

After dinner I went in company of Turner Ross and Henry Hall to the K.K.K. meeting place, there meeting same bunch as named in previous reports. These men were addressed by Coheman Shelton, a man with long whiskers and a fox like nose; this man also delivered 25 copies of the Rise of the toilers, a pamphlet sent out from Omaha under the I.W.W. supervision. This man also called off 25 names to stay and see him after the meeting. I misunderstood him purposely and stayed. He forgave me and allowed me to stay as he remarked that I ought to stay as he liked the way I beat up Tom Pane.

At this meeting it was explained at length that sacrifices were necessary in business, in religeon, and in Unions, and the time had come for the miners to sacrifice some one to get rid of their greatest enemy, Mr E.L.Hampton, and explained that if a man would use his head and not get rattled that he could accomplish this mission without losing his liberty or his life, but that he wanted volunteers to pick one man from to send to kill Lee Hampton, our client in Nashville, and he wanted a man familiar with Nashville. Henry Hall, George Ross, Will Brown, Bob Turner, and I volunteered for this. George Ross was selected and given \$30.00 expense money by H.Hall, our Treasurer.

We then disbanded, I coming to town at once and catching same train that George Ross did. At the station in Tracy City I put my grip in station and waited to see if he caught the other train for Cowan, there to get train for Nashville. After seeing him catch this train I went to my room at Mrs. Bailey's there changed clothes and as soon as it was dark went to Mr. Stanlee Hampton's residence, telling him the situation. He immediately called Mr. Roberts, who is a partner in these mines, after conferring for a few minutes they called Mr. E. L. Hampton at Chattanooga, Tenn. telling him not to come on the train he intended to but the next one, as the one he intended to come on would have carried his would be assassin too.

At the conference we at first decided for me to go to Nashville and either get this man ,who is a mingo Va. desperado now wanted for killing some revenue men in Mingo Hollow two years ago, thrown into jail on charge of carrying a pistol or on old murder charge. Mr. Stanlee Hampton then got Mr. Roberts son to drive me to Cowan where midnight overtook me being enroute at midnight.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner K.K.K. dues R.R.fare Supper	1.00 .50 .50 1.00 .65 .50	<u>4.15</u> 19.15

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NEW YORK#16030

Cowan, Tenn. August 6, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case and being still enroute at midnight. At Cowan I saw George Ross sitting on the curbing of the station with a package in his hands as he had never seen me, except in overalls and extra tough looking and as I then had on decent clothing, I was not afraid of being recognized. So I remained in 20 or 30 feet of him in the dark. I had seen his package when he struck a match and knowing that he had a 38 S.& W. 62 inch barrel six shooter, I knew from the general outlines that this package was his gun.

The train pulled in at 3:43 A.M. and he boarded it. I waited for him t get seated in smoking car and I boarded it also, getting a seat two back from him. He got up several times on his way to Nashville and went to the closet and and judging by his appearance I thought it was to take a drink.

After seing his gun in package, I was sure he was not expecting Mr.E.L.Hampton, our client, on this train. So I went back in another coach, reaching Nashville I was the first off of day coach and soon he got off. I followed this man down Broad St. to Seventh. He then went into a rooming house across from the Savoy Hotel as he had sit down on a porch seat talking to woman that runs this place, with his back to me, I went into the savoy lobby as I could keep him in sight. I called Manager W.A.H. at Memphis talking with him and asking proper course to pursue & etc. He telling me to see Assistant Manager E.P.S. who was at that time registered at the Savoy hotel. This I did getting desired help.

As I came from Assistant Managers room, No.415, and reached the lobby I saw my man go into the house. Thinking he would phone some place I walked across the street quickly and onto the porch, the landlady meeting me. I kept out of line with the hall but could hear him talking over the phone and heard him hang up the receiver. I had asked for a Mr. Summers and there being no one there by that name I left at once and was 50 or 60 reet away when this man came back out. I walked up Seventh St. to corner crossed St. and come back down to Hotel Savoy. He was sitting talking to this woman. As I seemed to be attracting some attention in the office, I registered

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asking for front room and was assigned to room #309 from which I had a view across the St. in 45 minutes this man got up, starting down Seventh St. towards Broad still carrying his gun wrapped or I should have had an officer to have locked him up. As soon as possible I got out of Hotel and went along the opposite side of the St. about one half block behind. He going directly to the depot and purchasing ticket for Tracy City, I buying one for Cowan as you have to change cars there anyway. At Cowan this man went to a restaurant across the street and I went to hotel getting dinner. In about 45 minutes the train came and we boarded for Tracy City. I heard George Ross tell a man named Warren that he had been to Nashville to see a party but the party was out of town.

Reaching Tracy City at 1:00 P.M. I went to my room at Mrs.Bailey's and wrote my yesterdays report. At 7:30 P.M. I visited Mr.Stanlee Hampton's home and made reports as he was very anxious about the safety of his father and advised me that their mines had accepted the Roach agreement which will give the men everything they are contending for except the check off system, and that if I could keep any violence down for six or eight days that they were sure that their mines would be in full swing, and their men would drop their plotting, and that they would begin to quietly get rid of their K.K. and Rad bunch.

Being all I could accomplish I saw the Dr. who is next door neighbor to our Mr. Stanlee Hampton. He brought me home in car and insisting that I stay off my feet for 48 hours and in bed as I have some fever with a very severe case of bloody flux. This I can not do as the next few days are very vital to our client and our Agency.

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Time	one day		15.00
L.D.Call Room, Savon Breakfast Ticket to Ticket to Dinner at	Cowan Tracy City	3.15 2.00 1.00 .60 3.15 .55 .75	<u>11.80</u> 26.80

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK......#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Monday, August 7, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S- 4 REPORTS:

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Continuing the above titled case, I arose at 7:00 A.M., had breakfast in Tracy City and waited for Palmer train which is supposed to leave at 12:30 P.M., it being 40 minutes late, I caught this train to Palmer. George Ross got this train at Coalmont 7 miles from Tracy City and went on to Palmer; I asked him on this trip to Palmer if he had any luck on his trip, as I was present when he was sent to Nashville to kill Mr.E.L. Hampton, our client, He said no that he called up and found him out of the City and that he hated to go back as some of the younger Klan members would think he was stalling; I promised to defend his actions at the Klan meeting, as it was the only sensible thing for him to do, not knowing when Mr.Hampton would return to Nashville.

I arrived in Palmer at 4:15 P.M. and went directly to my boarding place at Ed Halls, where I found Ed with his wagon loaded and everything ready to go turkey hunting five miles into the mountains. Henry Hall came up about this time and I called him into my room and asked him when the K.K.K. would meet and he told me not before Wednesday P.M. and I then asked him where Bob Turner was and he said he would go get him, which he did. I asked Bob Turner if there was anything being planned for the night and he assured me not. I then got ready and went hunting with Mr.Hall; Pistol Smith, newly elected Justice of Peace of Palmer; and a farmer named Johnson.

We drove to an old house near the Brewer Old Fields and camped in this house. Geary Lane met us with his turkey dog. My reason for going on this trip was to get better acquainted with Pierce Green, the Ex-Sheriff of Sequachie Co., who rules this neck of the mountains as completely as any King ever ruled his domain, and who is a very expert moonshiner, using the same "Still" his father did before him; and he is also a member of our Ku Klux at Palmer but has only attended one meeting.

Being nothing more to accomplish and being in camp five miles in the Mountains, I made careful mental notes and re-

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tired at 12:00 midnight.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner Railraod fare h payment on	1.00 .50 .50 .65	
trip equipment	3.00 5.65	<u>5,65</u> 20,65
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MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Tuesday, August 8, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case and being in the Bunker Hill mountains, I arose at daylight with other members of this party and after helping with the chores around the camp we were ready to go hunting at 6:00 A.M. Not being familiar with the country I offered to keep camp. After the others left I caught one of our horses and rode la miles to Pierce Green's house and was informed by his wife that he was at the orchard about one half mile. I rode there finding him gathering a wagon load of apples to make brandy of; he remembered me, having seen me at the K.K.K. meetings and asked me how Ross come out. I told him and he expressed the wish that Mr. Hampton could be induced to come into the mountains his place as he'd never get back.

I stayed with this man helping pick apples and haul to his still; also ate dinner and spent most of the evening. I returned to camp at 4:00 P.M. got supper for the bunch, they returned at 5:30 disgusted. We broke camp and drove to Palmer.

After doing chores, such as unloading wagon and putting horses away, I went out to depot, found several boys there where I loafed and made myself pleasant with them until 10:00 P.M. when I returned to my room at Mr.Halls and retired for the night.

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Time	one day	15.00
Expense Supp er	.50	.50 1 5.50

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NEW YORK#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Wednesday, August 9,1923.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case, I arose at 6:00 A.M., had breakfast at Ed Halls and went down to the company store at 7:00 A.M. Several of the members of our local K.K. told me to be ready the meeting that P.M. at the regular place on top of the mountains. West Presnell and Goleman Shelton asked me what I thought of George Ross failing to accomplish anything on his Nashville trip and if I thought he was trying to dodge the issue any. I assured them that I thought he had done the proper thing by not staying there and spending the K.K. money when he found E.L. Hampton out of town. Telling them that I would love to make a little talk at the meeting this P.M. I went to dinner at 12:00 noon and then got my shotgun and went to the meeting place at 1:30 P.M. only three outposts were there: Sam Ross, Dut Morrison and Geary Lane I went to them and was assigned to the West Post until the regular guards or pickets, who are selected for one month each time, came in to relieve us which was about la hours. I then went back and found about the same congregation of miners and moonshiners present that had been on each occasion previous.

Coleman Shelton called order and told the boys that George Ross had gave him \$12.00 back of the \$30.00 given him for trip to Mashville and that he wanted some expression from the members as to whether they were dissatisfied or not with his actions, as there seemed to be a tendency by some to growl I filled the breach by getting up and talking to them. I told them that I thought that George Ross done all that any body could do, as E.L. Hampton was not in town and that a man like E.L. Hampton took trips at times of several weeks duration and that George Ross done exactly right as it would cost us six or eight dollars a day to keep him in town on this job; that I thought it best that he did return and as I had the attention of the audience I told them that as Coalmont and Tracy City_had gone to work on the Roach agreement at the 1920 scale, that I was sure it was not now the proper time to create any disturbances and probably cause troops to be sent in and that we so far had caused no blood shed and to rest easy a few days and I believed they would be at work as in 1920. This seemed to please them and they agreed to not burn or dynamite or assassinate anyone until our clients started to evict them from their houses.

As there was nothing more to be accomplished today after the meeting disbanded I caught 4:15 P.M. train

to Tracy City and as soon as it became dark went to Mr. Stanlee Hampton's residence where I found his wife alone as Mr. Hampton had gone to town after a paper. When I knocked it caused Mrs. Hampton some fright but after hearing my voice she dame down and let me in. Mr. Hampton returned in a half hour and I made a verbal report to him. He seemed pleased with the situation and as nearly all the operators in this field have broken faith with him by signing 1920 scale he told me that he would be forced to, and that he hoped I could hold the boys down till they got things started up, which I assured him I would try to do. As it is a foregone conclusion that the Governor of Tennessee will not protect the operators of these mines with even one special state police. He having refused troops near here when the mines called Dishpan mentioned in previous reports was blown up by dynamiters.

Being nothing further to accomplish I came to my room at 12:00 midnight and after writing this report discontinued.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner K.K.K. dues R.R.fare Supper	1.00 .50 .50 1.00 .65 .50	<u>4.15</u>

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK #15030

Tracy City, Tenn.
Thursday, August 10, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at the usual time and had breakfast expecting to go to Palmer at 12:15 P.M. but having a very severe autach of Flux I decided to stay here and take medicine today; as its very necessary for me to stay on my feet at present and things at Palmer being in the best possible condition for me to leave for a short time.

Time	One day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast Dinner Supper	1.00 .50 .50 2.50	2.50 17.50

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Tracy City, Tennessee, August 11, 1923.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing on the above titled case and being in Tracy City, I met Coleman Shelton and Mr. Chadwick who are the head of Palmer miners. Mr. Chadwick being president of miners union at above place and C. Shelton being an advisor of this Mr. Chadwick who is only a soft brainless wonder, however Coleman Shelton is a shrewd mountaineer with lots of corrupted howse sense. Mr. Shelton and I were going down the streets of Tracy City towards the city drug store, when Mr. Bradley Roberts one of our clients partners called him off to the side and had lengthy conference with him.

Mr. Shelton joined me at Postoffice corner and told me that Palmer was nearly settled and that Mr. Roberts wanted conference with them at 11:30 A.M. as this was only one hour before train time and as Mr. Shelton was suffering with the flux and as Mrs. Pailey at my boarding place had some Polk-berry wine which almost cured me of the flux. I for the sake of his confidence told him I knew where I could get some of this wine that would do him good or cure him. He asked me to get it and being afraid to trust this man I went to Mrs. Baileys and gave her \$1.00 for \$\frac{1}{2}\$ pint of this Polk-berry wine and giving to the City Drug Co. 10\$\$\phi\$ for one 8 oz. bottle, filled it and delivered to Coleman Shelton back of the barber shop above the bank here, and he said he would be my friend forever. Being nothing more at present, have to wait for train.

On the train I asked Comeman about result of the conversation he had with Mr.Brad Roberts. He said that Mr.Roberts had talked to him of the settlement with the miners at Palmer and that Mr.Roberts had advanced Roach agreement which the miners did not thoroughly understand and that it would be a few days before a complete comprehensive view could be had. I arguing with him that this world was made on a trade basis of give and take, and for the miners wives, children and educational sake to accept if it was any ways near a living proposition, depicting to him the in justices done our children and our neighbors kids if a decent chance to compromise was passed up, as it would mean idle men, crime, cold, and hunger and that I thought it a crime against the defenseless little ones in our very midst to let an opportunity like this escape. He seemed very much impressed with my talk and promised me he would do his best to create a reconciliation even if the boys didn't get everything they ask for.

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Arriving at Palmer at 4:00 P.M. I went to Ed Hall's and had supper after which I retured for the night as I am suffering constantly with the flux.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Wine Dinner R.R. &are Supper	1.00 .50 1.10 .50 .65 .50	4,25 19,25

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Tracy City, Tennessee, Saturday, August 12, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case. The miners of Palmer called a meeting to vote on whether to accept the contract as offered by Mr.Stanley Hampton and Mr.Brad Roberts, as they came to Palmer near 8:00 A.M. today on motor car over the N.C.& St.L. branch that stops at Palmer. At this meeting at least 75% of the miners had already voted on this proposition when Coleman of the miners had already voted on this proposition when Coleman Shelton talked telling them that probably the contract couched in legal phrases, as it was, probably had a joker in it, therefore to send Mr.Chadwick to Knoxville and find out from miners heads and their attorney what the simpler meaning of this contract was and their attorney what the simpler meaning of this contract was and that if it was 0.K. they would sign same Tuesday Evening; also it was voted to not let any of the men be pumping the mines etting ready to go to work before they heard from Knoxville. All this I made a personal report to our client at his residence, staying from 8:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. during which time I was Royally entertained.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast l pint liquor Dinner Supper	1.00 .50 1.00 .50 .50	<u>3.50</u> 18.50

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Sunday, August 13, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case. I arose at the unual time and had breakfast at 7:15 A.M. Mr.Lige Strum who is ex-sheriff of this, Grundy, Co. had a horse and saddle awaiting me at the front door at 7:30 A.M. and he and I started back to Palmer horseback, arriving there at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Strum carried his turkey dog and expects to go turkey hunting tomorrow. After reaching Ed Hall's at Palmer, Tenn. we unsaddled the horses and had dinner then sat around and talked until supper.

After supper I met Mr Custarre d's 16 year old boy who asked me did I want some liquor. I gave him \$2.00 and he brought me a pint in a fruit jar. As Lige Strum is very fond of liquor and a man that the toughest element treat with respect at all times, I thought his friendship should be cultivated at this time and by appealing to his most apparent weakness I soon had him staunchly for me. There being nothing else to accomplish I discontinued at 8:30 P.M.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner Supper Liquor	1.00 .50 .50 .50 2.00 4.50	4.50 19.50

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK......#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Monday, August 14, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case, I arose at the usual time, at Ed Hall's, had breakfast, caught the horses and went with Lige Strum and Ed Hall turkey hunting, 32 miles east of Palmer. We found a big drove of wild turkeys and Strum and I killed one each on the rise. We then sat down and called two more and killed them, getting back into Palmer at 3:30 P.M. I found Mitchell, Presnell and Bob Turner across from the depot playing cards and went over taking hamd in their game.

There was nothing on for tonight as the bunch is all quietly awaiting Mr. Chadwicks return from Knoxville. Mr. Chadwick is head of Miners Union and went to Knoxville to see if the contract offered by our client was O.K. with the district Manager of this, 19th district. They are expecting his return by Tuesday, 15th.

Being nothing else to accomplish I returned to my boarding place at 9:00 P.M. and discontinued.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner Horse feed Supper	1.00 .50 .50 2.25 .50	4.75 19.75

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

Palmer, Tennessee, Tuesday, August 15, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case. I arose at the usual time, went to the company store at 8:00 A.M. where I left a note for Mr. Hennegar, the manager, of the store, to phone Mr. Stanlee Hampton that the work had got to us that Chadwick had called off the strike and district manager had told all Palmer to go back to work.

The re was a call meeting at the Miners Union hall for lateP.M. today so as to hear the news directly from Mr. Chadwick. At this meeting Coleman Shelton made a talk telling the miners that they had won a great victory and that they now would not let the Co. keep Mr.Duffy or any other "Scab" and that each man that had a card could work but not unless he did, to make the victory doubly stout by shutting out any man that did not belong to the Union.

This course I am afraid will react disastriously and told the assembly that we should not deny these men the privilege of working. To convert them and forgive them, telling them that if I knew anything that some of you very men that are now Union miners and staunch defenders of Union principles only a few years back helped break a strike at Tracy City; and that the policy of not allowing some to work was not a sound principle. That we could not afford after such a great victory to not be forgiving and to work in peace with our fellow men whether Union or not and preach like the apostles to them and if necessary to use Moral Persuasion on them but never to deny them the rights to make a living for their kids and wives; that such a course would show us to be narrow minded victors & etc. This talk seemed to do some good and I had quite a bit of applause.

There being nothing more to accomplish I returned to my boarding place, had supper, and discontinued.

Time	one day	15,00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner Supper	1.00 .50 .50 .50 2.50	2.50 17.50

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

Tracy City, Tennessee, Wednesday, August 16, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case, I arose at 5:00 A.M. at Ed Halls at Palmer, Tenn., had breakfast and fed Mr. Strums horses and after seeing Mr. Hinnegar, store manager, and advising him of my intentions, I rode twenty miles into Tracy City with Mr. Strum, stopping in out of the rain at a womans (Kitty Meeks) place who prepared dinner and served us wine, hard cider, and corn liquor. She has a very pretty copper still in the attic of her home. For this entertainment we matched coins to see who would pay the \$2.50 charged, falling to my lot I settled the bill and we rode away at 1:00 P.M. for Tracy City, reaching here at 3:15 P.M. I went directly to the Postofrice where I received letter from Manager W.A.H. of Memphis Office giving me valuable data & etc.

After supper at Mrs. Bailey's I found that Pete Bailey was goint over to take his mother to his sisters residence, Mrs. Walter Cadds, telling him I had to go see the Dr., living next door to our clients residence, I rode in his car to the front of Mr. Stanlee Hampton's residence there I went into the Doctor's front gate and across a large wooded lawn to Mr. Hampton's fron where I found Mr.E.L. Hampton from Nashville and Mr. Stanlæe Hampton. We then went into their reception hall and there Mr. Hampton wanting another of their firm, Mr. Sam Warner, to hear concerning some of their supposed friends activities, called him over the phone and had him to come to Mr. Stanlee Hampton's residence there I recited activities covering practically our entire operations here operations here. Mr. R. B. Roberts, Mr. Hampton and Mr. Stanlee Hampton being present besides Mr. Warner and I.

After this conference Mr.E.L.Hampton wanted me to go to Patton Hotel, Chattanoga, and see Mr.T.D.Woods whose mine was dynamited as reported in my report of Sunday, July 30,1922. So I would advise home office to take this matter up over long distance telephone with prospective client at once. This conference broke up at 11:30 P.M. and Mr.Stanlee Hampton carried the bunch home in his car. There being nothing more to accomplish I returned to my room, wrote this report and discontinued.

Time one day 15.00

Expense Bed 1.00

Expenses Continued. Breakfast	.50	
Dinner for self, Strum & 2 horses Supper	2.50 .50 4.50	4.50
		19.50

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK#16030

Palmer, Tennessee, Thursday, August 17,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at 7:00 A.M. at Mrs.Bailey's boarding house and had breakfast, met Harry Elam who works at N.Y. Store and went to tow n with him having been advised on the night of the leth by Mr. Hampton and Mr. Roberts to be on hand at Palmer for K.K.K. meeting at 8:30 P.M. in front of a new building known as the Office Building but not occupied yet. I immediately after dinner caught the train to Palmer where I saw Henry Hall and his father Ed and Coleman Shelton and Presnell who advised me of the K.K. meeting place, although I had already got this information before, yet it was not official. I told Coleman Shelton to come up to my room at 6:30 P.M. as I had a drink for him. He came at that hour, I having sent Pat Lane and Jim Turner for & gallon of liquor so as to have it for him, as I consider him the brains behind every move made in this town by the miners; and having already heard it rumored that no man could work without a card and that no men that had been faithful with the Co. could work at all; and furthermore having been advised by Mr.Roberts and Mr.Hampton to discourage andy discrimination; I knew who to work on to keep this discrimination down.

Coleman came at the appointed time and after a few drinks I asked him to repeat the contract between the miners Union and our clients to the best of his ability, he telling me that the contract called for no discrimination & etc. I then asked him if they were going to discriminate any and he sa not openly but through the K.K. so that it could not be laid on any bodies shoulders. I argued against this method telling him that one case would shut the mines down completely for years to come as E.L. Hampton and Mr. Roberts had told some people in Tracy City that they would never stand a thing but square play from the men at Palmer. Coleman by this time was getting fairly full so we adjourned to meet at 8:30 P.M. as designated before. At this meeting behind the Office building I was called on to make a talk to about 35 of the leading K.K.'s. In talking I impressed it on their minds that it was a cowardly victor that would persecute the vanquished and instead to extend to them their hands and to and to help them instead of persecuting them and denying them the right to support their wives and children who were not responsible for the view taken by their breadwinners. This talk took good and everybody shook hands with me and swore they'd seen it in a new light and would positively not put any obstacles in the

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way of anyone, we disbanded at 9:45 P.M. with lots of good will expressions from every one. I returned to my room and treated them to what liquor there was left. Being nothing more to accomplish, I retired at 10:30 P.M.

Time	one	day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast Dinner R.R.fare Corn liquor Supper		1.00 .50 .50 .65 5.00 .50	8.15 23.15

PHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK.....#16030

Tracy City, Tenn., Friday, August 18, 1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing on the above titled case I arose at the usual time, had breakfast and Ed Hall and I went down to company store. There I saw Coleman Shelton, Herman Brown, and Will Brown talking privately away from the rest of the men, I was called by talking privately away from the rest of the men, I was called by Coleman who said he had just been telling Herman and Will about the talk and that he had liked my talk the more he thought of it, and again assured me he was going to carry out a policy of no agitation against the non-union miners.

After dinner I caught the train for Tracy City again as our client wanted me to come in to report on our K.K. meeting & etc. I made a verbal report of all that had happened. Mr.R.B.Roberts, Mr.E.L.Hampton, and Mr.Stanley Hampton and Mrs. Stanley Hampton being present. I told our clients that I saw nothing further to accomplish and that if they knew of nothing nothing further to accomplish and that if they knew of nothing more that I would return to Memphis. This they agreed to and more that I would return to Memphis. This they agreed to and mere that I would return and son & wife thanked me in very Mr. Roberts and Mr. Hampton and son & wife thanked me in very hearty manner for my services and said lots of nice things to me hearty manner for gravious and said lots of nice things to me which left a fery favorable impression on me. Mrs. Stanley Hampton which left a fery favorable impression on the meant we had very jolly, nice, well served dinner at 7:30 P.M.

After our business was over Mr. Stanley Hampton carried Mr. E.L. Hampton and Mr Roberts home returning immediately and I staid and enjoyed their company and refreshments until 12:00 midnight, when I returned to my room, wrote my report and retired at 1:30 A.M.

Time	one day	15.00
Expenses Bed Breakfast 1 Qt.liquor for Coleman & boys Dinner Ticket to T.C.	1.00 .50 2.50 .30 .65 5.15	<u>5.15</u> 20.15

MEMPHIS OPERATING #776

NEW YORK.....#18030

Enroute Nashville to Memphis, Tenn. Saturday, August 19,1922.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATOR S-4 REPORTS:

Continuing the above titled case I arose at 5:00 A.M., had breakfast at Mrs.Bailey's boarding house in Tracy City. I them saw train switching in yards and on inquiry I dound that train left Tracy City at 7. A.M. for Cowan where you change cars for Nashville. As I had been told by Mr.E.L.Hampton that he would meet me at the station in Nashville when I arrived, I dedided to catch this train as I was sure it was the train Mr.Hampton would take. And as I enjoy his company very much I caught it to Cowan finding Mr.R.B.Roberts one of our clients going to Murfreesboro on this train. We had a very nice time chatting over the outcome of our operations.

On arrival at Nashville I went to Savoy Hotel and registered being assigned to room 508 at 11:45 A.M. After taking a bath and changing clothing I called Mr.E.L.Hamptons residence and was invited by Mrs.Hampton to have 7;00 o'clock dinner with them. I accepted the invitation and was driven to their residence by Mr.Hampton's daughters at 6:00 P.M. on arrival there I met Mrs.Hampton whom I had met several times before in our operations. This lady is one of the most pleasant and friendly that any one could wish to meet and I want to thank her and her daughters and husband for their nice informal entertainment. After supper Mr E.L.Hampton carried me in his car to a clothing Co. uptown and insisted on making me a present of a nice suit of clothing. Mr.Hampton and I then came back to the Savoy Hotel where I paid my bill and he brought my grips to the station for me , at 11:00 P.M. I boarded train for Memphis, Tenn. and am yet enroute at midnight.

Time	one day	15.00
Expense Bed Breakfast R.R. fare Nashville Lunch Room & Ba R.R. fare Memphis Pullman	3.80 .75 th 2.50	20.88 35.88

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