

Strike Against Wage Cut Spreads in Coke Region

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UNIONTOWN, Pa., Nov. 10.—The coke region miners, unorganized, are striking for the demands of the 1923 scale, for the seven-hour day for better working conditions and against discrimination.

Eight or nine mines are shut down. Three strikers are arrested and four more have disappeared from the picket lines. The sheriff claims they are not in the county jail, but pickets saw deputies arrest them. It is suspected that the men

arrested are being held incommunicado on company property of the company town.

An extra heavy force of deputies are on guard at all mines, but the strike is spreading and progressing. Mass meetings are being held at Republic every night. The meeting last night was three times as big as the night before and all could not get into the hall.

Calls are being issued in circular to all miners in the region by the strike committee of the Connellsville coke region, calling also for the organization of committees of

action at all mines. The officials of the U. M. W. of A. are, as usual, conspicuous by their absence.

A big meeting at which George Papcun is to speak is to be held this afternoon at Republic. Over two thousand miners are expected to attend. Pit committees are being organized at every meeting to carry on the strike.

The present time is very favorable to the United Mine Workers' Union to reorganize the coke region, build up a 100 per cent organization in the district and unite these miners with the other coal miners of the nation.