

(Exhibit V.)

**UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA—DISTRICT 28.**

April 30, 1913.

Having been of the opinion for some time that in order to obtain any improvement in wages and conditions for the mine workers of this Island, that it would be necessary for them to act in unity, to bring all the pressure to bear on the operators that they could simultaneously, believing that the proposition submitted by our District Convention, through our Scale Committee, to the representatives of the different Companies should be considered by a conference of Scale Committees representing both the Operators and the Miners, and since the Companies have ignored all our efforts to bring about a conference and adopt, or amend and adopt, the proposition submitted and thereby secure an amicable and peaceful settlement of all our differences. I therefore avail myself of the privilege granted by the International representative, Bro. Farrington, and the recommendation of the convention hereinbefore mentioned, and declare a strike at all of the coal mines on the Island, and ask all miners to cease work until the Companies concede them an advance in wages proportionate to the advanced cost of living, fair working conditions and an agreement specifying those wages and conditions of employment, said agreement to be entered into by and between the United Mine Workers of America and the Coal Companies of this District.

ROBERT FOSTER,

*President District No. 28, U. M. W. of A.*