

feet more should establish the fact we are under the solid mountain and I think the coal should be all hard.

I think Mr. Beach is a very good man for this preliminary work. He is a worker and keeps the tunnel going in all the time. I do not see a cent wasted at the present state of development.

Mr. Beach has the blower established and I do not see anything in sight to stop the progress of the tunnel. I noticed yesterday the hanging wall was flatter than I had ever seen it before. I hope we are almost to the place when all the coal will be merchantable as mined. If this proves to be so, from my viewpoint, as a small shareholder, I would like to see no more stock on the market at a low price, that is, the treasury stock."

May 17th, 1913

"I took a load of people from Midway to see the mine last Saturday and it never looked better. Mr. Keith, Mr. Beach and three men were working. They said they were down 30 feet. Tonight I hear in town that the mine still looks good and that they are down to the 40 foot level. They lost a lot of time on the turn getting the wheels, etc. in place, but from now on it should be clear going until the water begins to trouble them. I am going out to have a good look around either today or tomorrow and will write you fully either Monday or Tuesday."

May 19th, 1913

"I visited the mine yesterday and found everything all right. Mr. Keith was working in the bottom of the mine just like any common miner. He has had some difficulty to contend with and I think you should give him a hand. So far the mine (meaning slope) is now down about 45 feet and has improved with depth. I will go out for myself next Sunday and report to you just how they have sunk and all about it."

May 28th, 1913

"I was out to the coal mine and the work is progressing favorably. The quality of the coal still improves and it gets to look a little better as they go down.

If the coal mine is a success and I was in your place I would not want to trade my coal stock for Midway land."

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