

gan of the miners, the Western Clarion was also the only paper which published a true account of this comrade's efforts in the House.

That Comrade O'Brien is now a member of the Legislature and the fact that he took part in the great debate over the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Co.'s deal with the government is sufficient evidence that his methods of electioneering, and the platform upon which he stood, were eminently satisfactory to those who were its judges.

On March 1st the debate on the Great Waterways deal having lasted several days, Comrade O'Brien caught the Speaker's eye and proceeded to define his position as below:

"Mr. Speaker, for several days past I have been listening to this debate, not with interest, but with a good deal of forbearance. We have heard a great deal about this agreement between the government and the Alberta & Great Waterways Railway Co., and, I suppose, will hear a great deal more. To most members here this appears to be a matter of great importance, in fact, one has said that 'This is the most momentous question in the history of the Legislature.' If that be so, then, sir, I can only say that from the workers' point of view this Legislature has not justified its existence.

"Throughout this discussion, the interests of the employees, the men who will actually build the road, have been completely ignored. The Opposition, who so loudly proclaim that they speak in the interests of the public have clearly shown in whose interests they are working by the fact that they have never once criticized the few clauses in the agreement relating to conditions of employment of the workers, which are so indefinite as to be almost meaningless. The govern-