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They had to place on an economic basis an industry saddled with a personnel 10% greater than in 1913, with a production 25% less, with a loss in output, approximately to 20% a ton in some areas & to an average of £66 000 000 a year (actually £43 000 000 had been already lost)

So it can be said that before the owners got the pits back, the strike was already decided.

The principles of a National Port of People were demanded by the Fed, which the owners turned down as totally impracticable & certainly not even a palliative

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