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reduce the nation to chaos."
 Mr Robert Smellie President said
 "The claim by the miners at this
 present time for a substantial
 increase in wages cuts at the root
 of the policy of the Gov. We must put
 in a claim for an advance in
 wages - a substantial advance
 in wages - or we must force the Gov.
 to take off the 14 1/2 in coal - either
 the one or the other. Either of these
 cuts fundamentally into the Gov.'s
 policy. They cannot decontrol
 if we get an increase in wages."

The miners were now
 losing on average of 7/- a
 ton on all coal turned.
 South Wales 14/- a ton.
 The Gov. had promised to
 decontrol in August 1921,
 but in view of the serious
 decline in output, along

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