
**Letter to William J. Burns, Director of the
Bureau of Investigation, US Dept. of Justice
in Washington, DC
from T.L. Felts, Baldwin-Felts Detectives,
in Bluefield, West Virginia,
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Bluefield, West Va.,
September 29th, 1921.

Dear Sir:—

Many of the newspapers of the country have, within the past 30 days, published numerous statements from radical leaders connected with the United Mine Workers' Organization, bearing on the attempted invasion of Logan County, etc., by the army of "Bolshevists" connected with their organization. Among the many excuses they have given for their lawless acts is the statement that "their army proceeded to march to Logan, where a large number of Baldwin-Felts guards were stationed, for the purpose of cleaning them out of the state." These are the exact words of Philip Murray, Vice President of the United Mine Workers of America, in some of his newspaper utterances and also embodied in his annual report made to the recent convention of the United Mine Workers of America, held at Indianapolis, as shown in a published report of that meeting under date of September 20th, 1921.

In answer to some of their public utterances, I issued a statement, which was published in a number of the newspapers of the country, in which I declared most emphatically that "not a single man connected with our organization has been employed in either Mingo or Logan Counties, in the capacity of guards or other like service, since the Mingo strike was called

here more than a year ago, and to the further fact that we have not had a man doing service of any kind in Logan County for a period of more than 10 years."

For your information, I am attaching hereto a copy of my statement, published in the newspapers under the date of September 2nd, 1921. There can scarcely be a doubt but that my public statement through the press was read by the Mine Workers' officials and, notwithstanding my denial, they continue to prate about the Baldwin-Felts mine guards in Logan and Mingo Counties. It is, therefore, evident that they have an utter disregard for the truth of their public utterances. If they had wanted the truth, they could easily have verified my statement by communicating with the county authorities, or other persons, in either of the counties referred to. Am also attaching copy of my telegram to President Harding, in answer to one sent him by John L. Lewis.

I submit that their utterances in this regard, as well as many other statements bearing on the recent trouble, are not only deplorable, but criminally false and they have justly earned the condemnation of all right thinking people, who believe in truth and justice.

Yours very truly,

T.L. Felts.

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