## NORTHERN COAL AND COKE COMPANY.

(INCORPORATED.)

## PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY,

January 3, 1903.

Hon. Walter S. Harkins,

Prestonsburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Mr. James Hatcher of Pikeville, Judge York, A. K. Hatcher and Sam Hereford, as we are advised, perhaps in connection with others, are doing us quite a good deal of damage in the Beaver territory by persuading people to refuse to execute deeds to us pursuant to contracts, and, as we are further advised, are spreading all kinds of reports as to why it should not be done, putting false constructions upon our deeds and asserting that we are afraid to sue them, and pursuing such tactics as you can very well see would be done by a class of men engaged in that kind of business.

This will be handed to you by our Mr. A. L. Mattin and D.J. Chandler, who will explain to you what services we now desire you to do for us.

Please give the matter your attention, and when through, advise

Very truly yours,

Northern Coal & Coke Co.

By MMStewart Gen. Mgr.

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