

Send Delegates To Pittsburgh

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On July 15th, in Pittsburgh, Pa., miners from all over the country will gather together in joint conference with the Central Rank and File Strike Committee, now leading the Penna.-Ohio-W. Va. strike of 40,000 miners. The purpose of the meeting will be to work out a joint program of demands, organization and action for the rank and file miners fighting all over the country against the coal operators and their tools, the Lewis machine of the United Mine Workers.

The need for such a meeting is self-evident. The conditions of the miners are indescribably bad and are constantly getting worse. In many

districts the miners are in revolt against these intolerable conditions—which means also that they are in revolt against the Lewis misleadership. In the Anthracite, in West Virginia in Southern Illinois, in Kentucky—as well as in the case of the present big strike centering in Pittsburgh—everywhere the situation is the same, with the miners making a desperate starvation struggle against their capitalist and fake labor leader enemies.

All these struggles must be joined up together. This means that they must be based on a common program of demands and united front action all along the line. It is the purpose of the Pittsburgh meeting to achieve

this unity of policy and action.

It is of the utmost importance that the South be well represented at the Pittsburgh gathering. In no part of the country are the conditions of the miners so terrible as in Kentucky, Southern West Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama. All these districts must be fully represented by rank and file workers.

Calls for the joint meeting have been issued in 100,000 copies. The Southern districts should be covered with them. Moreover, steps should be taken to organize auto loads of working miners as delegates to Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh meeting is very important. And it will be doubly important with the South well represented.