

Shellhorse asserted, bbbbbb one day after Harry Simms died in a Barbourville, Kentucky hospital of a bulletwound inflicted by a Brush Creek gun thug, that he commended the activity of the Kentucky "law" in driving the "Reds" out of Kentucky and promised to aid the Kentucky operators and city and county officials in this activity. Shellhorse also admitted that he carried letters of recognizance written by Sheriff Blair of Harlan County and Sheriff Broughton of Bell County which guaranteed his immunity from all interference in the "furtherance of his aims," that is, in destroying the National Miners Union and breaking the strike. Nowhere in the statement is there to be found even the hint of a promise to aid the striking miners win their bitter struggle for a living wage, the statement of the Kentucky-Tennessee Miners Relief Committee concludes.