

STRIKE AT THE SPRING BROOK COLLIERY.

Yesterday, says the *Scranton Republican* of the 31st July, the men employed in the Spring Brook Colliery of the Glenwood Coal Company, to the number of 150, turned out on a strike. The cause of this strange action at such a period as this is owing to the fact that a few days ago the inside boss discharged three men from the mine for some irregularity of conduct. The rest of the employes remonstrated with the boss and demanded the restoration of their companions, but he was firm, and refused. Subsequently a committee of the miners waited on the coal company's managers in this city and laid the facts before them, with a request that the men be restored to work, regardless of the determination of the boss to keep them away. The answer they received was that the boss should be sustained at all hazards; that his duty was to supervise, and to punish irregularities by all legal means—to employ men when he wanted them, and to discharge whenever occasion required. This did not seem to give much encouragement, and the committee returned to the men and reported in accordance with the facts later in the evening. We understand that much dissatisfaction is felt in the vicinity, a portion of the men desiring to go to work while the rest are firm in their intention to hold out until they gain their point. There is not, however, much likelihood of their doing so now, owing to the all-pervading dullness of the coal market; however, we find that since the recent stagnation in coal matters the Glenwood Coal Company has been keeping their Erie colliery near Carbondale idle, and that for the purpose of running the Spring Brook colliery, and that it is their intention unless the men at Spring Brook return to work before Monday, to throw that mine idle, and resume work at the Erie colliery. The men will doubtless think better of the affair, and not permit the discharge of two or three to throw a whole neighborhood idle—perhaps for several months.

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