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EXPLOSIVENESS OF COAL DUST.

The officers of the Institute have recently issued the following important circular, to which we desire the attention of our readers :

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OHIO INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERS, SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
LOGAN, OHIO, January 31, 1885. }

DEAR SIR:

This Institute desires to make pretty thorough experimental tests of the explosiveness of the coal dusts of Ohio Coals.

With this object in view, you are respectfully requested to gather a sample of coal, of about the size of a common cigar box, from each of the mines in your district, and forward them by Express to E. McMillen, President, Ohio Institute of Mining Engineers, Columbus, Ohio. Paste on each sample a label plainly marked, giving the Geological number of the seam from which it was taken, the mine owner's name and the location of the mine.

The question of whether coal dust will, or will not explode, is quite unsettled, and it is of the gravest importance, involving, as it does, the safety of human lives. It is hoped that you, as a member of this Institute, will take especial pride and interest in aiding to solve this question. Please forward the samples within the next thirty (30) days, and as much sooner as possible.

Very respectfully yours,

R. S. WEITZELL, Secretary.