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The Rank & File in Action!

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RWU Resolution in Support for Blackjewel Miners

Whereas the miners at the Blackjewel Mine in Harlan County, KY have been denied their pay by corporate management; and

Whereas in response, the miners have occupied the railroad tracks leading to the mine and the coal in question since July 31st, refusing to allow the trainload of coal to exit until they receive their pay under the law; and

Whereas this sort of rank & file direct action is a welcome event and an inspiration to workers across the country who similarly have been exploited, endangered, and ripped off by corporate America; and

Whereas, these workers and their families deserve the support and solidarity of all hard-working people to assist and see them through to a successful conclusion to their struggle;

Therefore be it Resolved that RWU supports the actions of the Blackjewel Miners and encourages all railroad workers to do likewise; and

Be it further Resolved that RWU calls on the rail unions – particularly those of the operating crafts, who may at some point be tasked to move this stolen coal - to get behind this important workers' struggle; and

Be it Finally Resolved that RWU encourage its members and supporters to directly aid and assist these workers on the tracks.

Adopted by the RWU Steering Committee 9-17-19