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1 victims. The victims are the people that died. The  
2 victims are the family that's been going through hell for  
3 the last four years trying to find answers. And I guess  
4 what I can't understand -- I do understand why people cut  
5 corners. I think we all cut corners in our lives. What  
6 I don't understand is for these experienced miners that  
7 were doing this.

8 And when I read the testimony, I see that the  
9 younger guys, the inexperienced guys, were the guys that  
10 was questioning a lot of these things. They were saying,  
11 "Are you sure this is right, this is safe?" And I don't  
12 understand why these people don't come back and take  
13 responsibility, because if you don't, what happens is  
14 there's another story comes from it.

15 And the families that have been grieving, and their  
16 grieving has turned to anger and bitterness, will never  
17 find any peace if they don't get the truth.

18 And that's why I'm so upset that people wouldn't own  
19 up to what they were doing. And instead of briefly  
20 speaking about it and shoving it under the table. The  
21 bottom line is that that mine blew up on that morning  
22 because of what was going on in there at that time.  
23 That's the bottom line.

24 Now you're not going to let me have any more time,  
25 are you?