

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 make a quick comment to you? It looks like we're through
2 the --

3 COMMISSIONER Yeah.

4 A. -- through the financial dealing with the Federal
5 Government. We had finally got it approved. I just want
6 to make the point to you that you see the long and
7 protracted and difficult time it took to get that all
8 done. And one must wonder now if it was done in a
9 reasonable time, the effect it would have had on the
10 mine, and the fact that we never would have been in the
11 Southwest section, and all that we talked about this
12 morning --

13 COMMISSIONER Well, you alluded --

14 A. -- put it --

15 COMMISSIONER -- to that in your statement, yes.

16 A. But after spending so much time on this, I just
17 thought it was important for us to realize that all this
18 debate that we went through and for months and months and
19 months, the final result was that we ended up in the
20 Southwest section. The mine wasn't developed as the
21 original plan, and I think it's --

22 I think we can all realize now it would have been
23 better if people sat down as reasonable people and
24 negotiated a deal and got on with the job. I think we
25 would have had people still working there today, and it