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1 go see what it was like.

2 Q. Do you recall anything of your observations of the
3 condition of the mine that day?

4 A. Well, I've never been in the mine before, so I just
5 remember when I went down it was, you know, dark. And I
6 thought you have to pretty brave to work in these kind of
7 conditions every day because it wasn't something that
8 really appealed to me. But it wasn't that the roof was
9 hanging down or -- and I'm not -- I don't want anyone to
10 yell at me, but, you know, I didn't walk through coal
11 dust to my knees deep or anything like that. But I was
12 only there one day, so -- all I can tell you that I
13 didn't like the atmosphere. And I thought these guys, to
14 come here every day and be underground so far, and it was
15 so black and damp, that it wasn't something that appealed
16 to me. And I was never in a mine before and --

17 Q. No other observations about housekeeping, general
18 condition, anything that stood out in your mind?

19 A. Well, again, you must remember that, you know, it
20 was the first time I was --

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. -- ever in a coal mine in my life.

23 Q. Got that.

24 A. But I saw nothing that alarmed me but, you know,
25 you're talking to someone that really wouldn't be