

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. ROBERTS

1 Q. Are you aware of the testimony that --

2 A. -- here and I'm not going to let you.

3 Q. Are you aware of the testimony that the people on
4 the mining crew had taken the time to don their self-
5 rescuers?

6 A. The person on the shuttle car gave evidence that he
7 tried to put his self-rescuer on and that's why he
8 wasn't --

9 Q. I don't think the person on the shuttle car gave any
10 evidence, Mr. Cameron.

11 A. -- that's why he wasn't as far out as the guy on the
12 continuous miner.

13 Q. Now the evidence of those who have gone into the
14 Southwest district since the explosion has been that the
15 continuous miner was pulled back from the face, a
16 distance of some two or -- two to three feet. Are you
17 aware of that evidence?

18 A. Yes, I am.

19 Q. And do you agree that that fact makes it less likely
20 that the continuous miner was actually cutting coal at
21 the time of the ignition?

22 A. Well, the switches were all on. I suspect what
23 happened when they hit that hard rock and the sparks came
24 off and the blue flame started, he would back it up a
25 couple of feet.