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"During the afternoon there was a rush to the office, and the guards had some difficulty in keeping back the crowds. The cause was a distribution of revolvers in place of the carbines.

"The Negroes are not only in possession of Franklin, but have begun work in and around the mine. This morning Superintendent William sent forty-two miners and nine drivers into the slope, and put three engineers and twenty outside hands to work — making a total of sixty-four men employed. Of this eight or ten are white men, one being a new engineer to run the hoisting engine, the former one refusing to haul 'niggers'. The engine will not haul out any coal for a day or two, as it will take that length of time for the miners to get enough coal ready to make it worth while to run the engine. A gang of the outside hands is at work grading for the tracks leading out of the new slope on the gravity principle. The loaded cars will run down one track by gravity to be dumped, and the empty cars will be hoisted to an

elevated track, on which they will run back to the mouth of the slope.

"A meeting was held this afternoon by the Knights of Labor Assembly at which the action of the company was denounced as a matter of course, but any proposal to resort to violent means was frowned upon. The only action taken was the appointment of a committee to appeal to Captain Foley of the guard, to change the line so that those men living below the blacksmith shop can reach the store more speedily. They are leaving the affairs principally in the hands of the Western Central Labor Union. Their leaders continue their attention to inducing any of the colored men to quit with whom they can secure an interview. Some of the men had actually made preparations for a warm time. Some of the more hot-headed miners had been planning on burning the store and the bunkers, but they were sat down upon by cool-heads."

Sunday, May 17, 1891 was indeed a day to mark upon your memory. The train load of miners and their families could sing of God on their side, while they pushed aside barriers never before challenged.