



NANNIE RAINEY, wife of Brookside striker Jerry Rainey and a member of the Brookside Women's Club. "I had to take my kids with me when Judge Hogg sent us to jail for picketing. I had never been in a jail before, and I hope I never am again. But I'm proud I did it, because good came out of it."

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dismissal of all strike-related cases pending before the courts, including contempt citations, fines and jail sentences.

The union and company agreed to drop all cases pending before the National Labor Relations Board.

The company agreed not to oppose the UMW's petition to the NLRB for decertification of the hated Southern Labor Union as bargaining agent at the Highsplint mine. In the event that the UMW wins an NLRB election at that mine or any other Eastover mine, the company agreed to automatically and immediately sign the national UMW contract for those mines as well.

Eastover promised to reinstate all miners at the Highsplint mine who the company claimed had "quit" their jobs during the sympathy strike which began July 8. The UMW will pursue its request that the NLRB also reinstate three Highsplint miners who have been fired. In the meantime the three will be hired as temporary UMW organizers.

The company also agreed to automatically sign the new national agreement, once it is negotiated, after the present contract expires on November 12, 1974. If the agreement is signed after November 12—that is, if there is a national strike—the Brookside miners will be given all economic benefits retroactive to that date.

Of course everybody knows that Duke Power isn't beaten **all the way**. For instance, the scab foreman who shot Lawrence Jones has now been turned loose by a grand jury. There just happened to be two operators and two operators' wives on that jury! Now he's out scot-free and he's a foreman at Jawbone, Virginia—a non-union mine.

And strong as the strike was, Harlan County is still two-thirds unorganized. There are 14,000 non-union miners in eastern Kentucky.

But the Brookside strike itself is over. Several of the miners are back at work (at this writing, late September,