

September 7, 1935

Mr. G. A. Kaseman,
Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sir:

Mr. James and I have inspected the Anderson mine at La Ventana. No serious falls have occurred during the past year. However, it is evident that the system of mining at the south end of the workings will lead to trouble. The sharp pointed pillars slack-off and crumble, thus increasing the roof span. The pitch of the seam is too steep for this system of mining. The plan followed at Madrid would be better. All that coal above the main entry can be mined by use of a balance plane.

The road to the mine on the north side of the railroad is now impassible. One must go up on the south side of the valley and cross the railroad above the last bridge which has recently given away.

All the 1" lumber, 2 x 4 and 2 x 6, has been stolen lately, and the hand rail and some planking removed from the tibble. One cabin has been torn down and the other two are going.

We found it possible to drive to the Kistler lease where openings have been proposed. A good road, not more than a mile in length, can be made cheaply and maintained at a minimum of expense.

The first CCC Camp is 3 miles south of La Ventana. A hole 700' deep was drilled for water at the camp without success. Another hole was drilled near the Rio Puerco and abandoned. A third hole very close to the Rio Puerco is reported to have water at 70'. A pump and a mile of pipe will be required. This camp is not occupied at present. Eight miles farther south is the other CCC Camp. A water well is being drilled. We noticed a pile of your coal here. This camp is occupied and the boys are busy on road improvements.

The map and various pictures properly described are submitted.

Yours truly,











