

Gem, Idaho, 15th Feb. 1901.

Operator reports that Tony Recia told him there was going to be trouble here again soon as to boys are going to run some of the Missourians out of camp whom they suspect of telling too much of what is going on in the mines. Tony Recia says that they are sending for their friends from ~~Missouri~~ Missouri to come here too right along so that the old men here can't get on any more even if they do change their names. He also said they had several Missourians spotted at Burke and would give them the run as soon as they got a chance and if the Deputies should interfere they would fix them good. Tony said that the idea was to make a break in every camp at the same time and then they could not catch all of us. He said they were just going to order out every one of the new men who were talking too much to the bosses and if they didn't heed the order they would get a beating that they would remember. It would at least have the effect of scaring some of the others so that they would not tell everything they knew.

Opr. has heard quite a lot of the same kind of talk the last few days from several men whose names he could not secure but he will obtain them as soon as he can.

One man who does a lot of talking and is a union man told Opr. his name was Jim Anderson but another fellow informed Opr. that this persons name was Jim. Richardson and he thinks the latter name is correct. He also stated that he worked at the "Frisco" but although Opr. has watched for him there he had not yet seen him come off shift.

Opr. finds that the Union men who are working will refuse to give the Union sign on all occasions but those not working and those who will not work will always answer a sign and in many cases for the purpose of asking for a small loan.