No 1

Pratt Mines May 26/84

Con^l. Dawson.

Dear Sir We Write You hoping to get your Kind attention in this Case. We have bin Treated Very Cruel. lately by the Board. and We Wish To find out What We Have Done. to Cause. Such Treatments. Sunday Con^l. Lee. Came to Mines. Call at Cell No. 1. and left the Prison With out. Speaking to us. We. have bin treated The like. once before. but Looked over it. thinking the night Caused You to be. In hast. We all Know.

No 2

That We being Colord Men
Have not the Chanses of the
White Men. and. We at
The Same time know that
He. are the greatest in
Number. We are the Men.
Who Do the work. We pays.
For. Kind treatments and
fails to get it. pleas look.
At The White Men and See
how many are Cuting 5 or 4
Ton Coal per Day. They are
Few. They. are the Men That
Causes. the presant truble &
Every State officer tries to
Hold us accounterble for there.
actions. by Dening us The
Privlidges of alowing our family
To Come to See us. if our.
Families Come. More. or.
less they are Doged away.
by Saying. too Many visitors all

come a long ways. and if we
Mistake not - The Rules Reads.
The Conversation of visitors
Shall be in presence of good
This we, accept on the grounds.
We have no Secrets. &
our family coming is the next
Favor to liberty. & they are
the only Comfort we have
left. this fact we made known
to Mr Lee. & the Reply was
the white men's conduct.
he speaks as though we are
not got sence enough. to
show that we should not
be held for which they
have done or will do.
could we appreciate good
Treatment. & our actions
stands good. to show the
same. & will we be made
To suffer for another
crime. if so. we rather

wish, to know. the grounds
on whitch you. Intend us
To. act. We appreciate good
Treatments & We know when
we get Such, Coul Consiter
For Instance. if you were
by low or violence be taken
From your family. & See
them Come & go with any
Speaking one word to them
Sir it is heart breaking
to. our familys and to us.
Such treatments makes
any man look. amany
Diffrent - Way. We all
Wanted to Serve our terme
But - the times is geting
Very hard. Dayly With out
Seasting. In food, cloth.
In Conveants of Discharging
our Dayly Duties. wt We are
whised for dirt Rock Scant - &
If they run a half Day We are whised
If we fail to get our task & Co+Co

Coul Dawson our friend. we.
We are
Dongning to See The Day when. time
Shall Cause Every May to reap
what he have Sowed. let it be
good by bad. No long than the
22nd of this Month. We Seen our
Dining Room. filled as it is half that
Number. was Stopped and Whiped. Simply
Because. We failed to make, us the time
The Company lost by Loadiva a task &
a half. not - With Standing we have
Scarcely got - trains to get our, Dayly
task. We only Call your attention to
To this fact. Where there is a hard
Bed. a Man will try to get a Softer
one & when. Things gets like. it is

Truly. The humble Servants
of State.
Signed

Ezekiel Archer
Ambrose Haskins