

Reflection #2

The coal strike of 1902 was a great one. Miners wanted more pay along with shorter working hours. Minors didn't fall quietly they lashed out and attacked. It was a huge chaos. The President had to step in if he really cared, and he did (Grossman 1975, online).

“Roosevelt, who had been injured a month earlier when his carriage was hit by a trolley car, sat in his wheelchair pleading with representatives of management and labor” (Grossman 1975, online). President Roosevelt was such a great man and cared about the people he stuck to his duties even though he had his own trials going on. In the State of the Union Address he said ‘I ask that there be an immediate resumption of operations in the coal mines in some such way as will...meet the crying needs of the people’(Grossman 1975, online). With that statement alone we could see what a great man he was and how much he cared for the people.

Although Roosevelt took a few months to come out after the strike occurred with the address, I still think he meant the best. I think he was waiting it out to see where it went on its own. But he saw the disasters taking place and took action. He addressed the Union in such a bold manner. I think he addressed it the best way he could (Roosevelt 1902, online).