

cause of the accident and to report thereon to the Bureau in writing; a copy of which report shall be sent to the operator of such mine. To enable the district mine inspector to make such inquiry and report, he shall have power to require the attendance of witnesses and to administer oaths and affirmations to them. If any person shall neglect or refuse to obey the summons of such inspector, for such purpose issued, or to testify, except such refusal be privileged, such inspector shall certify the said person for such neglect or refusal to the Circuit Court for the county within which the investigation is held, and the judge thereof shall punish such neglect or refusal as for a contempt. The costs of such investigations shall be paid by the county within which the accident may occur, upon the warrant of the Chief Mine Engineer on a voucher of the district mine inspector certifying the same.

SEC. 167. In case of serious accident in or about any such mine, involving or threatening injury to persons and property, upon receiving notice it shall be the duty of the district mine inspector to proceed to the scene of the accident and to direct the work of rescue, relief and restoration; and he may request the Chief Mine Engineer to come or to detail additional district mine inspectors to assist if necessary.

SEC. 168. Persons not employees of a mine and not authorized, nor permitted by law, shall not enter such mine until the operator has consented, nor until and when accompanied by a competent guide authorized therefor by such operator.

SEC. 169. The operator of every such mine shall adopt and install a system whereby when required by and under regulation of the Bureau, the employees shall check in and out of such mine.

#### CHAPTER XXV—*General Sanitation and Health Provisions.*

SEC. 170. Upon submission of an application signed by sixty per cent. of the employees in and about any coal mine within this State, approved by the Bureau, the operator of such mine shall provide and maintain at a convenient point near the principal entrance of such mine an adequate and sanitary washroom for the use of the employees of such mine; or upon submission of an application signed by twenty-five per cent. of such employees, approved as aforesaid, such operator shall provide and maintain at a location convenient for its use by such employees, near to an entrance of such mine,