

Investigate

"We think the state authorities, especially the Governor, and if possible the president of the Senate and Speaker of the House... should undertake the investigation of the great disaster. One of two things is evident on the face of things. Either there was something wrong with the conditions, something that human foresight ought to have avoided, or else it is a clear case that every man who goes to work in a Utah coal mine absolutely takes his life in his own hands... This accident ought to be enough to determine not only the corporations, but the state authorities to see that such regulations are made as will draw every protection possible around the miners in the depths. There ought to be a most rigid examination to see if the mining inspector has been performing his duty, and insisting that modern precautions should all the time be taken."

Excerpt from James W. Dilley's "History of the Scofield Mine Disaster," pg. 173-174