

were recent arrivals. What further percentage should strictly be reckoned as importees it is impossible to say, but a review of the subject suggests a large proportion." A labourer who during his last period of service at the gold mines has had some slight but suggestive symptom—pain or cough—will not go back to Johannesburg. He will make for the nearest large town to seek work.

In many respects, food etc., the conditions of work at the gold mines are now good, but the wages are still practically what they were before the war. (*Native Grievances Inquiry* 1914, p. 36, and *Economic Commission's Report* 1925, p. 351.) The employers' agreement limiting the maximum daily average wage to 2s. 3d. is not very encouraging to the labourers, considering the grave risks to health of the work in what the Miner's Phthisis Medical Bureau calls "notoriously the most harmful underground occupation." (Report 1924, p. 30).

REASONS WHY NATIVE LABOURERS FEAR EMPLOYMENT IN REMOTE PLACES WITH UNKNOWN MASTERS.

A *Memorandum* recently published by the Pretoria Joint Council on *The Administration of Justice in South Africa, with special reference to the Native population*, contains the following illustrative cases.

"A European, charged with culpable homicide against his Native servant, admitted that he had hit the servant with a pick handle and killed him. He was found not guilty by the jury and discharged. (Transvaal Criminal Record, No. 383 of 19 5)."

"A Native charged with the murder of his European master . . . was found guilty and sentenced to death. . . . In his report on the case the judge said, inter alia, "I do not feel that the magistrate's finding that the condemned prisoner was not assaulted by any member of the police force at . . . is correct. . . . I think that the question of carrying out the death sentence should be dealt with on the assumption that the accused was illegally thrashed by the police in order to induce him to return to the service of an employer whom for some reasons he greatly disliked,