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A JOINT RESOLUTION,

In reference to an Inter-State Conference as to a certain Unlawful
Coal Combination or Trust.

WHEREAS, certain railroad corporations and coal mine owners of Pennsylvania and other States have united in an unlawful combination or trust to prevent competition, and maintain the prices of coal at an unreasonable rate; and have, for that purpose, spread their monopoly over all the Northern States of this Union, plundering the people thereof of millions of dollars annually.

AND WHEREAS, it is difficult for any one State to contend alone successfully with this gigantic inter-state conspiracy, and fully overthrow such a wide-spread evil, but the powers of all the states and of the National Government must be invoked for the protection of the people of the entire country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that the Governor of Minnesota is respectfully requested to correspond with the Governors of all the States of the United States of America, and to request them to appoint commissioners to meet on the first Monday of June of this year, at such place as the said Governors may agree upon, to confer together and formulate such remedial measures as may be necessary to abate this great evil; and submit the same to their respective states and to the next Congress of the United States, for their consideration and action; and to take all other steps which they may deem wise and proper for the prosecution of the members of said unlawful combination in their respective states.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of this State is hereby requested and authorized to appoint ten commissioners, citizens of this State, who shall represent this State at such Conference.

They shall be entitled to receive their actual expenses, to be paid upon vouchers submitted by the Governor by the State Treasurer upon the warrants of the State Auditor, and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars to pay the expenses of said commissioners.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in case all the Governors of the States referred to neglect or decline to appoint any such commissioners, that then the commissioners appointed by and for this State shall meet and propose such measures as they may think proper for the consideration and action of Congress.

D. M. CLOUGH,
President of the Senate.

WM. E. LEE,
Speaker of House of Representatives.

Approved April 8th, 1893.

KNUTE NELSON,
Governor.