July 13, 1917

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was July 13, 1917, the day the Lead Belt Mining riot began in Flat River, now Park Hills.

Ste. Francois County had become the world leader in production of lead in a short amount of time. That area of the state — south of St. Louis, but north of the Bootheel — quickly garnered the nickname the Lead Belt, which remains to this day.

What exactly led to the riot remains a mystery, but it continued for more than a day. The governor called in the National Guard on the second evening of the riot, which brought it quickly under control.

The following year would see legislation aimed at not only the aftermath of this riot, but the want to keep such things from happening again.

July 13, 1917, the date marking the start of the Lead Belt Mining riot, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: Newspaper clippings)