THE STATE EX REL. THOMAS, APPELLANT, v. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF OHIO,

APPELLEE.

[Cite as State ex rel. Thomas v. Indus. Comm. (1999), \_\_\_ Ohio St.3d \_\_\_.]

Workers' compensation — Court of appeals' judgment affirmed.

(No. 98-870 — Submitted November 10, 1998 — Decided January 20, 1999.)

APPEAL from the Court of Appeals for Franklin County, No. 97APD04-560.

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Betty D. Montgomery, Attorney General, and Jon D. Grandon, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee.

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The judgment of the court of appeals is affirmed consistent with the opinion of the court of appeals.

MOYER, C.J., RESNICK, COOK and LUNDBERG STRATTON, JJ., concur.

DOUGLAS, J., dissents and would order relief consistent with *State ex rel*. *Gay v. Mihm* (1994), 68 Ohio St.3d 315, 626 N.E.2d 666.

F.E. SWEENEY and PFEIFER, JJ., dissent and would reverse the judgment of the court of appeals.