

40 HOUR WEEK SET-UP STUDIED

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Investigation of the recently adopted 40 hour week and accompanying wage scale for the Boulder dam project, has been under way for the past several days by E. H. Fitzgerald, conciliator for the United States department of labor, it was learned this morning.

Fitzgerald was sent here after workmen on the project protested the reduction of wages that followed the adoption of the 40 hour week on July first, and is to report back his findings to the labor department.

The scale now in force on the project was one of three laid out by Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes for government construction projects, and according to bureau of reclamation officials cannot be changed except by order of the secretary himself.

After conferring with the heads of the various interested labor unions, Fitzgerald discussed the situation last evening with Ralph Lowry, construction engineer, who explained the details of the wage structure as set up by the secretary and stated he is without power or authority to make any alterations.