

Highway Department Has Started Improving Work Kingman-Bullshead Road

Government Camp, Power House Will Be Located on Arizona Side of River, Bids on Dam Opened Here on May 15

The State Highway Department moved into Mohave county early this week and has established camp near the east end of Union Pass. With a number of bulldozers and other road equipment workmen started, Tuesday, to straighten the curves and lessen the grades of the road through Union Pass. This is a part of the project for the construction of a first class highway from Kingman to the site of the Davis Dam at Bullshead canyon on the Colorado river thirty miles west of Kingman. The highway department completed a survey of this road some months ago and have been awaiting the word from federal authorities on the construction of the dam.

As has been announced the bids for the construction of Davis Dam will be opened at Kingman May 15, it was determined by the state highway department that improvements must be made on the highway connecting Kingman with the damsite so that it would be serviceable to contractors and the government during the period of construction. The word, which was received from Washington, last Thursday announced that the camp of the reclamation service and of the contractor would be on the Arizona side of the river, thus offering the inducement for the improvement of the highway for the purposes of aiding in the transportation of materials and men from the railroad to the site of the dam.

The question of the construction of this road has been open for the past several months and local authorities and the state highway commission have cooperated in the one purpose of obtaining adequate transportation facilities when the assurance was given of the construction of the dam.

The further announcement comes from Washington that the electrical transmission line between the Davis Dam and the Parker Dam will be constructed on the Arizona side of the Colorado river because of the easier topography for its construction. Likewise the power plants will be erected on the Arizona side of the river, as will be the facilities for the irrigation of a large acreage in the Mohave valley below the dam in Arizona.

This \$42,000,000 project is expected to take at least four years in construction and when com-

pleted will add to the electrical energy that will be generated for industrial purposes throughout the southwest. Boulder dam is already generating and delivering a great amount of energy to Pacific coast manufacturers, particularly those engaged in war efforts.

The Bridge Canyon project on the Colorado river north of Peach Springs in Mohave county is likewise another great power project. Reclamation engineers are already at work on this project, having established headquarters at Kingman and it is stated by Washington authority that within six years power from this gigantic dam will also be added to the power supply of the southwest.