

MINE OPERATOR GROUP UNFOLD PLANS AT MEET HELD YESTERDAY

2,500 Ton Mill, Employing
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Erected, Said

MUCH ORE IN SIGHT

Rural Rehabilitation Pro-
gram in Panaca District
Revealed

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The picture of the development of southern Nevada, planned by the Pioche group of mine operators, was unfolded yesterday for the benefit of the Nevada public service commission in support of the application for creation of a power district which will pave the way for construction of a power line from Boulder dam into this important area.

Chairman Harley A. Harmon and State Engineer A. M. Smith represented the commission at the meeting, with E. H. Snyder, president of the Combined Metals group, and David B. Gemmill, president of the Prince Mining company, appearing as witnesses.

There are 20,000,000 tons of ore already blocked out for development in the Pioche district, Snyder explained, with enough in sight to operate for at least 50 years.

PLANS CALL for construction of a 137,000 volt power line from Boulder dam, and erection of smelters in the Pioche area which would handle 2,500 tons of ore daily and employ 1,000 men.

The proposed power line would be 144 miles in length and cost approximately \$920,000, Snyder told the commission.

The present production of the Pioche district is 100,000 tons of ore per year, with 85 per cent of the values being lost in shipping and smelting. The installation of smelters at Pioche would bring the recovery of values well up, Snyder testified, eliminating the huge losses now taken by the shippers.

POWER, UNDER the present setup, costs the mine operators 2½ cents per kilwatt hour and Boulder dam power is expected to be eventually distributed for 3.48 mills, which price will allow for amortization of the cost of the power line.