

# METALLURGICAL LABORATORY AT BOULDER LOOMS

## Scrugham Asks Funds for Conversion of Buildings In Dam City

An appropriation of \$68,200 from the unemployment relief fund has been requested by Congressman J. G. Scrugham of Nevada, for conversion of buildings at Boulder City for use as laboratories in the investigation of electro-metallurgical treatment of ores in the Boulder dam area, according to word received here today.

In making this request, the Nevada congressman has the backing of the interior department, and he expects the money will be allocated in the near future.

Which buildings are to be used, is not stated, although it is expected they will be government buildings, unless Six Companies turns over some of the dormitories or other structures used by them.

**OTHER APPROPRIATIONS** sought from this source include:

1. Mineral exploration on public lands and on private lands with the consent of the owners .....\$204,400
2. Investigation of mineral resources of Nevada ..... 25,000
3. Study of location of subterranean water supplies ..... 37,800

**ALL OF THESE** projects have the approval of the interior department, and all that remains is an okeh by the allotment board which Congressman Scrugham is hopeful of securing at an early date.

Allocations already made from interior department appropriations include:

1. Metallurgical investigation in the Reno station .....27,900
2. Geophysical field work.. 38,228
3. Further geological investigation of the Comstock Lode ..... 10,000

**SCRUGHAM BELIEVES** that thru the first-mentioned appropriations, a vast amount of important exploration work can be done in the Boulder dam area looking toward permanent industrial development.