

Experimental Station Drive Being Pushed

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The drive of Congressman J. G. Scrugham for establishment of an electro-metallurgical experiment station near Boulder dam to determine just what industrial possibilities actually exist in the highly mineralized southern Nevada area as a result of the advent of cheap power from the gigantic project, was under way in earnest this week with experts from various interested federal departments spending several days on tours of investigation which covered the entire district.

Accompanied by the dynamic Nevada congressman, Dr. Jay Moore, expert from the U. S. geological survey, and Dr. A. Roman, geophysical expert from the U. S. bureau of mines, and Bernard M. Jacobsen of Iowa, ranking member of the house appropriations committee, have been engaged in visiting various points of interest and going over various important mineral deposits which may figure prominently in the development of this area along the lines Congressman Scrugham, himself an experienced engineer, is convinced will follow in the wake of the cheap dam power.

"All three of these men are greatly impressed with the vast possibilities offered in this area, and are taking a keen interest in their investigations," Scrugham said.

The program being urged by the Nevada congressman calls for the establishment of the experiment station at Boulder City on a sizeable scale, and if successful is destined to have an important effect on the development of industries in southern Nevada to utilize the storehouse of minerals in this area on a commercial scale.

It would be the only station of this type in the United States, and would be a vital laboratory for all sorts of processes and experiments in the electro-metallurgical field.

The experts are still in the field and expect to remain in southern Nevada for several days yet, Scrugham said.