

# FIRST UNIT IS UNDER WAY AND CONTRACTS FOR REST UP SOON

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Branch Line From Prince Mine Is Proceeding on Schedule This A. M.

## IS IMPORTANT MOVE

Specifications Are Being Drawn for Main Line; Advertised Shortly

RENO, Dec. 31 (UP)—First work on the Pioche - Boulder dam power line, primary unit in the development program in southern Nevada to take advantage of the cheap power which will be available shortly after the first of July, 1936, was started this morning when Fritz Ziebarth, Long Beach contractor, commenced construction of the branch line from the Prince mine to Pioche, J. L. Vandiver, PWA engineer, announced.

Ziebarth was low bidder on the first unit of the line when bids were opened on December 14, and was ordered to proceed with the work by Vandiver when he was in Pioche late last week.

This unit is two miles long and is being built by Ziebarth at a contract figure of \$2,800.

Vandiver also announced that specifications for the main line from Pioche to the dam were being drawn up and would be ready to advertise for bids within the next thirty days.

Financing of the project has now been completed, Vandiver said, and all legal difficulties ironed out. The money will be available from the PWA administration to carry on the work as soon as the contracts are let, he predicted.

It is planned to push the work with all possible speed to the end that the line will be completed and ready for use as near as possible to the date when power from Boulder dam will be available.

It is expected that about 200 men will be employed on the main line, construction of which will probably get under way about February first. Present plans call for establishment of four camps, one at Boulder dam, another at Glendale, Alamo and Pioche with work proceeding on all four points at once.