

# CONTEST OVER BOULDER DAM REACHES COURT

Arizona Making Effort to Prevent  
Diversion of Water  
Supply.

## ADJACENT STATES COMBINE IN FAVOR OF PROJECT

Law Under Which Construction  
of Dam Was Authorized At-  
tacked as Unconstitutional—Sec-  
retary Wilbur Joins With Other  
States in Making Defense  
Against Objections of One State.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 9.—Arizona  
is fighting in the supreme court  
today to prevent the construction  
of the Boulder canyon dam on the  
Colorado river, for which bids  
were opened recently.

California, Nevada, Utah, New  
Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming,  
as parties to a compact for the  
construction of the dam, have  
joined Secretary Wilbur in urging  
the court to dismiss the Arizona  
suit.

Asserting the act of congress for  
construction of the dam is uncon-  
stitutional because the state would  
be deprived of water to which it is  
entitled, Arizona asked the supreme  
court to declare the Colorado river  
compact and the Boulder canyon  
project act invalid and to prohibit  
Secretary Wilbur and the states  
from proceeding.

Secretary Wilbur challenged the  
proceedings on the ground that the  
United States had not been made  
a defendant but was an indispens-  
able party.

Insisting that both the Colorado  
river compact and the Boulder  
canyon act are constitutional, the  
motions to dismiss stated that  
Arizona had refused to agree to  
any equitable apportionment of the  
water.