

# "Mountainfuls of Mineralized Rock In Hoover Dam Vicinity Should Yield A Bonanza, With Cheap Power Stimulus"

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Fred W. Koehler, Mining Engineer, Tells of Activity In River Range and Other Parts of Northwestern Arizona; Saw Early Searchlight Boom

The cheap power from Hoover dam most certainly will stimulate mining over a great and rich mining area of Nevada and Arizona, mining men already pushing developments that are expected to yield gold and other metals in no mean quantities and partially on account of their knowledge of the fact that cheap power will be made accessible.

This statement, oft made by mining men, was reiterated once more yesterday in Boulder City by Fred W. Koehler, western representative of the American Ore corporation, who visited the dam project with other mining men.

Koehler, formerly of Duluth, and who has spent every summer for more than a score of years in the Grand Canyon country, cited many instances, especially in Arizona of men and companies who are opening up workings, new and old, in the expectation of taking part in a mining revival that they sense on the immediate horizon for the dam vicinity.

**THE RIVER RANGE**, between Oatman to the Hoover dam vicinity, is the scene of prospecting and developments, he said, expressing the view of many Arizonans and others with insight into the mining game that this range has hidden somewhere in its bosom a find of gold that will some day open the eyes of the entire nation to mining possibilities in the Southwest.

Eldorado Canyon and Searchlight, it is pointed out, also are pushing developments in the knowledge that power will be available from the dam and power plants on their completion.

**KOEHLER WAS** a Searchlight resident back in 1906, when activities there was booming, and he has insight into the mining possibilities of this vicinity born of long experience and observations with its ores and formations.

Near Chloride, in the River range, are two workings one of which is to be put into operation soon. The original discovery, made about one and one-half years ago adjoining this one, has been in litigation, thus being held from activity.

Along with D. D. Corum of Hollywood and Dwight E. Woodbridge, Duluth mining engineer who is nationally known, Koehler is interested in the Alamo Manganese company, soon to be incorporated, having property of great promise 90 miles south of Kingman and 25

miles east of the Colorado river.

"WE WILL produce there in large quantities," he said. "Of course the power line, if it should pass near there from the Dam site to Phoenix, which it probably will, is expected to aid us a great deal in our development. But we will produce whether it runs near or not."

Corum, who visited the project yesterday with Koehler, is proprietor also of the Panamint Silver mine. He lives in Hollywood. Koehler lives in Los Angeles, but spends much time in Arizona and some in Nevada. He recently investigated mining properties to the north of the Colorado in or near the Moapa valley.

Koehler at one time accompanied a party from the National Geographic society on a trip into the wilds of the Grand Canyon country, an important article in the society's magazine resulting from the trip.

Zeke Johnson, of Blanding, Utah, now custodian for the Natural national monument there, was guide for this expedition.

Koehler is connected with the Arizona Consolidated Copper company.