

FALLING STONE KILLS WORKER AT RIVER TUNNELS

Big Rock Drops About 15 Feet in Tunnel Three On Arizona Side

Declaring that Frank Brady "came to his death thru injuries to his back and skull, caused by falling rocks while in the line of duty in tunnel three on the Arizona side of the river," the coroner's jury turned in its verdict this afternoon and found that death came from an accident that was unavoidable.

Brady died this morning, shortly after he went on shift, crushed by a large rock which slid from its position on the wall of the tunnel, dropping about 15 feet onto Brady's body.

ACCORDING TO workmen who were present at the time of the accident, the crew, consisting of about five men, were working in the tunnel clearing the muck from the rails of the trimmer jumbo so that it could be pulled into place. This was necessitated by the fact that the caterpillar, which usually does most of the heavy clearing work, was out of commission, and as a result, all of the clearing had to be done by hand.

One of the workmen, who testified at the inquest today, said that he happened to look up and see the rock sliding. He said he yelled and all but Brady got out from underneath. He said that a small rock hit Brady in the back of the head and started him to pitch forward and that the larger rock then fell and struck the worker about at the shoulders. This rock crushed Brady to the ground and probably was the one that caused the injuries that ended in his death.

ACCORDING TO Mrs. Park, the undertaker who testified, the ribs on the right side of the spinal column were torn loose from the backbone and that the pressure was so great that it probably caused internal injuries.

While Brady was injured on the Arizona side of the river, he died on the Nevada side of the river as he was being transported to the Boulder City hospital.