

# SULLIVAN CO. LEADS WAY IN BUSINESS BOOM

**S. T. Nelson, Works Manager, Is Optimistic; Projects Over U. S. to Aid Local Factory.**

*26* A definite upturn in the course of business with all signs unmistakably pointing to the return of a certain but more conservative period of prosperity was predicted today by S. T. Nelson, works manager of the Sullivan Machinery company which has plants in Michigan City and Claremont, N. H.

Mr. Nelson, who witnessed many panics and depressions, such as the one now existing, during the course of his 45 years service with the Sullivan Machinery company, asserts that basic facts point unmistakably to revival of activity. He is optimistic regarding business conditions of the Michigan City plant of the company.

"It takes no stretch of fancy to see that the country is on the eve of a broad industrial activity," he said.

### Many Contracts Let

The Sullivan Machinery company is expecting to get a large share of business in the near future. It is said that a large number of tunnel and dam contracts are now ready to be let in various parts of the country and will indirectly benefit the Michigan City plant and its employes.

These bids, it is explained, will be let to the various contractors that are the successful bidders. The Sullivan Machinery company does business with the contractors, as the machinery it makes is the implements for doing the work.

The bids for the Hoover dam are to be let soon and will be distributed among a number of contractors. The bids will aggregate in the neighborhood of 31 million dollars. Latest reports are that work on the Hoover dam is to start immediately.

Bids for a traffic tunnel between East Boston and Boston were let a few days ago. The greater part of this tunnel runs through rock. The greatest share of rock working machinery to be used in this project will be purchased from the Sullivan company.

## Requires Machinery

The Metropolitan water tunnel project in Massachusetts is also ready for work to proceed. The first section of this tunnel will be 12 miles long. The greater portion of it is in solid rock and will require considerable quantity of rock cutting and drilling machinery.

Bids for deepening the channel at Soo, for the purpose of providing passage for larger ships, will be let this week. This is another large rock cutting, drilling and rock removal job, it is said.

A contract for the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel at Baltimore has just been let. This is only a part of the Pennsylvania railroad company's enlargement program and will benefit the Michigan City plant to a marked degree.

It is pointed out, however, that there is always more or less second-hand material in the way of machinery on hand which the contractors used on former contracts and will consequently cut down the purchasing power for these projects. The new machinery and equipment that will be purchased for these contracts will be divided competitively among half a dozen manufacturers. The local plant expects to get its share, but the orders received will be divided between the Pittsfield and Michigan City factories.